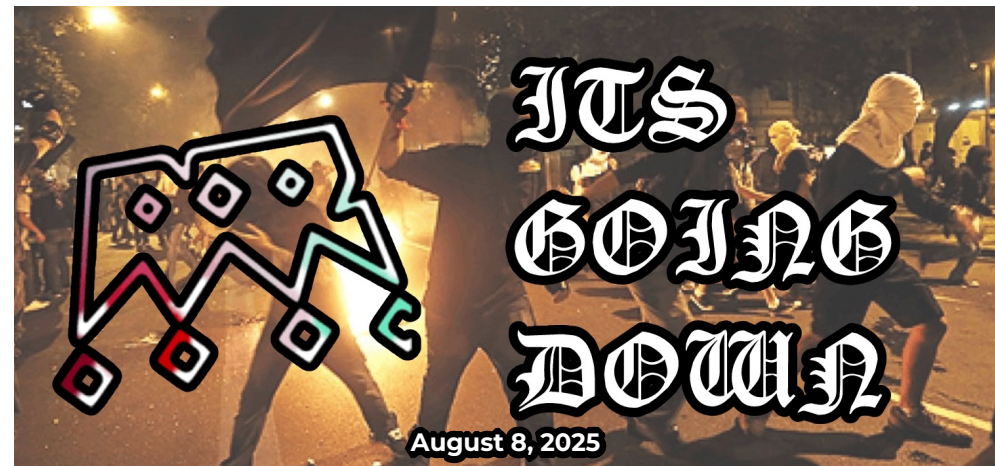




In Contempt #55: Repression Against Anti-ICE Protesters Ramps Up, Hunger Strike Kicks off at Alligator Alcatraz

August 7, 2025

In this column, we present our monthly roundup of political prisoner, prison rebel, and repression news, happenings, announcements, action and analysis. Packed in as always are updates, fundraisers, and birthdays.

There's a lot happening, so let's *dive right in!*

Arrests Following Anti-ICE Protests in Texas Lead to Targeted State Repression

From [the DFW Support Committee](#):

On the night of July 4th, local police arrested 10 people outside the ICE Prairieland detention facility in Alvarado, Texas after a noise demonstration in solidarity with those being kidnapped and detained by the Trump administration. Since then, 6 more people have been arrested in connection with the case. We don't know all of the circumstances leading to the arrests. We do know that popular outrage and resistance to

deportations is growing across the country. Organizers, activists, and affected communities have spent the year organizing rallies and protests outside of detention centers just like the one in Alvarado. The 16 people arrested currently face serious charges aimed not only at ruining their lives, but signaling an authoritarian criminalization of dissent and protest against ICE. Local authorities have set bail at \$10 million per person.

[A website for the DFW Support Committee](#) has now been set up and an [Instagram account can be followed here](#). The Support Committee has organized several phone and email zaps regarding the abusive treatment of the defendants, and report:

We held a call in day on Monday and Tuesday of this week to address the continual violation and denial of the Prairieland Defendants Constitutional rights. The jail is conducting unnecessary and degrading strip searches of defendants multiple times a day even though they are being held in solitary confinement away from others. The jail is blocking defendants' communication access then lying to defendants and deflecting the blame. None of these defendants have been formally charged with any crimes yet they are being subjected to cruel and unusual punishment.

Here is a statement from one of

the defendants about their conditions:

"Usually awoken by yelling of my name, I am ordered to strip completely naked. Bleary eyed I am ordered to hand my shirt, pants, underwear, socks, and shoes through the single dirty metal mail slot that passes all of my food, books, trash, broom, toilet plunger. I am ordered to hold my mouth open with my fingers. I am ordered to lift and move my genitals with my hands. Turn around, squat and cough three times, make sure it's forceful and loud.

Then I quickly dress and am handcuffed and taken out of my cell.

So all of my belongings can be tossed and picked through. Leaving random piles with no declaration or explanation. I can stress and search to find out if anything is taken.

Sometimes it's all my food. Sometimes it's my legally protected questions and notes for my attorneys.

Sometimes it's a random poem or doodle. Sometimes nothing is taken.

This happens at any time, at all hours, without warning. Multiple times a day. Every day. Without reason or ever finding anything like contraband."

[this interview from the *Final Straw Radio*](#) (also available in [printable](#) and [screen-reading zine](#) format) and [this zine of information](#).

New statement posted to legal fundraiser for those arrested at #Texas anti-ICE rally: "These criminal charges are a dangerous stunt...the framing of the case by the government should be concerning to all...glaring inconsistencies and alarmist accusations..."
www.givesendgo.com/supportdfw

— [It's Going Down \(@jgd.bsky.social\)](#) 2025-07-11T19:37:40.560Z

You can [donate to their legal costs here](#). Numerous support events are being organized, such as at Monkeywrench Books in Austin, who are [hosting regular letter-writing nights](#), and [another one is planned on August 15th in Portland](#).

To keep up with the case, you can check the [DFW Support Committee](#), [Fire Ant Movement Defense](#), and [Free Des](#) pages, or email dfwsupportcommittee@hacari.com.

Jakhi McCray Issues Statement to Supporters

— [Free Jakhi \(@freejakhi.bsky.social\)](#) 2025-07-22T23:59:05.427Z

In New York, [Jakhi McCray has issued a powerful statement \(available as a zine here\)](#) after turning himself in to the police on charges of allegedly sabotaging 10 NYPD vehicles. From his statement:

Repression is the State trying to call our bluff. It is intense because it shows itself when our potential to disrupt genocides & capital becomes too grand to ignore. Millions of people, whether they consider themselves revolutionaries or not, that participated in the encampments, the anti-ICE street rebellions, & the George Floyd Uprising have helped create a social crisis in the

last five years that continues to bring in millions more & fuel the need for liberation.

The constant effort it takes the State to oppress us is not manageable. It is already breaking, with the funding & hiring disasters in federal agencies, the infighting between the Trump administration & his base, & the complete political catastrophe over Israel. The harshness of the State's eye on our movement is nothing more than a defensive reaction. a mask from their fear. This is as much of a make or break moment for them as it is for us. If we come out of this with our solidarity & our infrastructure intact, it is a monumental win for our communities & a devastation to our enemies.

Our greatest strength is each other—that we are not just coworkers maintaining appearances for the duration of a shift. We are comrades, & with that comes a promise to love, defend, & fight for one another. Because you are my comrades, I hold this promise towards all of you. I don't know what will happen now, but I do know that I will never stop fighting & I will do my best wherever I find myself to be.

[Jakhi has now been released on house arrest](#) following a large demonstration outside of court in solidarity. See [Free Jakhi on Bluesky](#) and on [Instagram](#) for more information as the story develops.

Anti-ICE Protester Targeted by the FBI in Portland, OR

Surveillance technology is helping criminalize resistance

— [Alissa Azar \(@alissaazar.bsky.social\)](#) 2025-07-31T17:50:38.865Z

In Portland, [Jacob Hoopes was arrested on July 25th for alleged participation in an ICE protest, with a mass show of support being organized for his public court hearing on the 28th](#). Alissa Azar has

published [an important article looking at how surveillance technology was used to bring the charges against Hoopes](#), and [a post here covers some similar points](#). [Rose City Counter-Info](#) has also published a piece on the dangers of cameras.

From the article by [Alissa Azar](#):

On June 14, 2025, federal authorities claim that someone threw a rock at a federal agent at the Portland ICE field office, where people have been protesting for nearly two months. The feds are calling it “assault on a federal officer.” But what they’re actually doing is criminalizing defiance, a political crackdown dressed in the language of law enforcement.

The FBI affidavit reads like a dystopian surveillance report: Subject 1 (“S1”) wore a long-sleeved black shirt with the sleeves rolled up, a gas mask with bright pink filters, a visible tattoo on one forearm, and a bracelet on their left wrist. For the feds, that was enough.

Agents zoomed in on footage to identify tattoos, bracelets, shirt patterns, and even a blue cloth sticking out of a back pocket. No face was needed. Just patterns, posture, and color recognition. “Full-face masks with bright pink filter cups were far less common,” the affidavit states.

That’s not probable cause. That’s pattern-matching turned into criminal evidence. Surveillance enhanced by AI and weaponized by the state.

The affidavit is loaded with language that reads more like a surveillance tech brochure than a legal document: “I enlarged the images... I noted a tattoo... a bracelet... a grid pattern... a blue cloth...”

This is biometric tracking without the biometrics. It’s algorithmic identification based on non-unique visual data: clothing, accessories, posture, movement.

This same playbook was used

during the 2020 uprisings, where facial recognition, AI tools, and OSINT (open-source intelligence) were used to identify Black Lives Matter protesters, many of whom were later charged federally for property damage or “civil disorder.”

The tactics being used against anti-ICE protesters today are direct descendants of strategies deployed during the 2020 George Floyd uprisings, particularly in Portland, Oregon, which became a federal testing ground for high-tech repression. Over 100 consecutive nights of protest against police brutality and racial injustice were met not only with tear gas and rubber bullets, but also with a surge of federal agents deployed under Operation Diligent Valor.

[This Trump-era initiative](#) blurred the line between local and national policing. Launched by the Department of Homeland Security in July 2020, the operation flooded Portland with agents from Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the U.S. Marshals Service, the Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC), and even agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). This was on top of the already active and violent presence from local police (State Troopers and the Portland Police Bureau). At the time, many operated out of unmarked vehicles and wore no identifying insignia, abducting protesters off the street without explanation or warrants. Videos showed masked officers dragging individuals blocks away from demonstrations, detaining them without charges, and releasing them hours later without any documentation. These tactics weren’t about public safety. They were about sending a message: *We are watching you. We will identify you. And we can disappear you.*

A report from a recent banner drop (see photo at the top of this column) in Portland, OR, [posted by Alissa Azar stated:](#)

For the last 8 weeks, we have watched violent assault after violent assault, some resulting in emergency hospitalizations and extensive surgeries, at the hands of the federal government, against the people of conscience in this city that have refused to bow down to their fascist reign.

Throughout the country, the masses rising up to defend their communities and protect their neighbors face a similar violent reality. In Los Angeles, federal prosecutors have filed a plethora of charges against protesters that they have labeled “violent,” because federal agents in military tactical gear have lied about assaults at the hands of protestors wearing hoodies and sunglasses.

An overwhelming number of these false charges have later gone on to be dismissed, after folks have already been dragged through a traumatic judicial system and been tormented by an authoritarian society that does *not* presume innocence before being proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

For this reason, amongst many, we are fundamentally uninterested in questions of guilt or innocence in regards to our comrades facing state repression.

Since July 4th, 16 of our comrades from Dallas-Fort Worth have also faced inhumane treatment while being incarcerated, without so much as charges even being filed against them. The police are allowed to deprive these human beings of their basic “legal rights” because they know all they need to do is label people as “violent,” in order to justify their dehumanization.

Jacob Hoopes’ case marks a similar escalation by the fascist police state to squash repression here at home using similar tactics and rhetoric.

Read the [full statement here.](#)

**Defend, Xóchitl,
DACA Recipient
Detained by ICE**



A new campaign has been [launched to free:](#)

...Catalina “Xóchitl” Santiago, a beloved community member, DACA recipient and long-time community organizer, was detained by Border Patrol on Sunday August 3, 2025 at an airport in El Paso, TX. As political repression increases across the country we must remember defending one person means defending all those facing repression!!!

Xóchitl was accosted by two Border Patrol agents around 4:00 AM MST as she was about to board a domestic flight for work. Despite presenting a valid DACA work authorization card offering proof of her protection from deportation in the U.S., Border Patrol abducted and detained her without warrant or cause.

From the [crowdfunding campaign:](#)

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She has been transferred to a

processing facility in El Paso, and these funds will help to support her as we coordinate with her legal representation. We will share more updates soon on how to show your support and demand her immediate release.

We know that Xóchitl has made such a profound and powerful impact on so many loved friends and community members from Florida to Texas and beyond. Xotchitl has been working for over a decade for the dignity and respect of the immigrant community. She was a long-time volunteer organizer with Movimiento Cosecha and currently works supporting families in El Paso.

Now, we need to show up for her. Immigrant communities have been targeted for decades, and the Trump Administration is taking these fascist tactics to unprecedented levels.

This unexpected and cruel detainment will likely result in high legal fees alongside immeasurable emotional impact on her and her family. **We are asking for support for her legal funds and post-release care and healing.** Please give what you can to ensure that Xotchitl has the resources needed to fight for her case, her ability to stay in the US with her family and community, and can take the time needed to recover from this traumatic experience after she is released. Thank you for your support!

[Support and share the campaign here.](#)

Political Prisoner News

Former long-term Black Liberation prisoner Zolo Azania [has launched a Patreon](#). He writes:

On 06 February 2017, i was “FREED” (Released) from prison after 35 and a half years of captivity; more than 27 of those years were spent on Indiana’s death row. i use the word “freed” because it was beautiful people like you who supported me in my struggles and determination not to be murdered by the State or

having to spend the rest of my life withering away in prison. i was (and still am) happy and grateful. Thank you for being you. But since i’ve been home i have not made or painted one picture; and since my release i have written only three (3) essays. i began to write a couple of books, one of them is my autobiography. While in prison i produced more work than that in a week. But after nearly 10 years of freedom on the outside of the cyclone fences, constantine wires and concrete walls i’ve done little of nothing but worked like a slave for someone else’s warehouses and other businesses like the railroad.

There is a popular rhythm and blues song titled, “Sittin’ On The Dock of the Bay” written and sung by the late great Otis Redding. It is an emotional heartfelt song about introspection, reflection, and longing. Otis Redding used to sit quietly watching the various ships floating on the water and plowing through the waves in and out of the San Francisco Bay. He had come to a crossroads-remiscing about his lowly humble beginnings to the meteoric rise in his life as a singer and a successful entertainer-and he put into words the feelings he felt what this picturesque metaphor must have meant to him. i, too, am at a “crossroads” in my life. And it doesn’t seem that i will be able to retire from working for the imperialists increasing their already bloated, exploitative, blood-sucking profits. i need people to support my artistic endeavors. i need support so that i may pursue my paralegal work helping people in prison, especially others facing death penalty cases. Moreover, my dilemma was compounded by the fact that on June 05, 2025 i got fired from my job at Remprex, an intermodal transportation subcontractor company.

[A Curbfest event in support of political prisoners](#) is being held in Washington DC on August 31st.

[Long-term Black Liberation prisoner Kojo Bomani Sababu](#) has

made a call for people to contact FMC Butner to help him get medical care. From the Jericho Movement:

We are asking people to email, fax and call Butner FMC to inquire as to why they are not giving this serious medical situation the attention required to ascertain what exactly is causing this alarming problem. You can request to speak with his counselor. If that is not possible, please state your concern regarding this recurring medical problem. Be polite but firm in demanding that proper medical attention be provided to Kojo.

Kojo is 72 years old and has been in prison since 1975. He was originally transferred to Butner for a hip replacement, which was successful. Now we need to support our elder and ensure he gets the medical attention he needs.

You must refer to Kojo as Grailing Brown #39384-066.

Let us know what response you receive: nycjericcho@gmail.com.

E m a i l : BUX-ExecAssistant-S@bop.gov
Phone: 919-575-3900
Fax: 919-575-4801

NYC ABC have produced [the latest edition of their regular political prisoner listings guide](#).

July 25th Marks Day of Solidarity with Antifascist Prisoners As Jesse “Tall Can” Comes Home

Today (Friday, July 25th) = The Int’l. Day of Solidarity w/ Antifa Prisoners. Proceeds from these SUPPORT ANTIFA PRISONERS shirts & hoodies (designed by former antifa prisoner) go to support our imprisoned friends & their families. Order here: bonfire.com/j25antifa#j25antifa, #freeallantifas

— [Antifa International](#)



JLS HOUSING AND RESOURCE CENTER
JLS Housing & Resource Center | September 1 Reopening Announcement
Comrades, On September 1, the JLS Housing and Resource Center will reopen its doors to three formerly incarcerated women &#8211...

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CIA and cointelpro definitely winning.

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August 7, 1970.

Black August Memorial (F.L.E.A day)

After the courthouse rebellion, Komrade George Jackson wrote, "He was free for a while. I guess that's more than most of us can expect."



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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak - @JailLawSpeak · Aug 7

BAM: Jonathan Jackson [killed at courthouse], James McClain [killed at courthouse], William Christmas [killed at courthouse]

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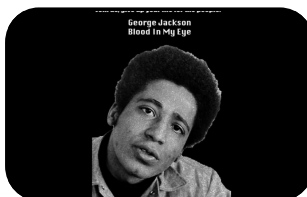
We have no time for polite politics!



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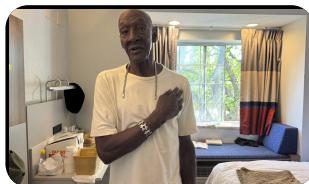


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Stacey Ma Dukes Hopkins @staceyhopkinsga · Aug 4

Atlanta is scrambling to hide its homelessness problem before the World Cup and is reminiscent of the effort made before the Olympics came to Atlanta and how we got the Atlanta Detention Center.

Same playbook.



Emotional journey for Atlanta's homeless as city races to house 400 people before the World Cup
Atlanta promised to house all residents of an encampment where a homeless man was fatally injured earlier this year, but advocates say the city fell short.

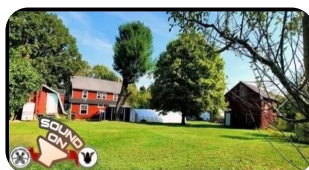
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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak - @JailLawSpeak · Aug 5

The JLS Housing reopens Sept 1, welcoming 3 formerly incarcerated women. Budget is tight.

We've never charged for housing, because liberation should never come with a price tag.

Mutual aid:
CashApp \$arebelsworld
Venmo @arebelsworld



JLS Housing and Resource Center | Abolitionist Housing for Women Rebuilding & Resisting

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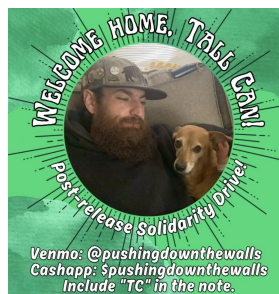
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Full statement:

We were informed by our lead program coordinator that our budget is critically low. The truth is plain: we cannot properly house these women without mutual aid.

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Antifa International and people across the world marked July 25th as an international day of solidarity with antifascist prisoners. Events and letter-writing nights were held in various cities, and Antifa International has posted up information on international prisoners to support, along with how to grab an amazing benefit t-shirt.



Also in some good news, antifascist prisoner Jesse "Tall Can" Cannon is now coming home! Supporters have set up a campaign to help him transition to life on the outside. They write:

Jesse WAS an antifascist political prisoner who was incarcerated for allegedly participating in militant community defense against American Guard, Proud Boys, and assorted right-wingers who descended upon the Pacific Beach area of San Diego, Kumeyaay land, for a day-long fascist rally on January 9, 2021.

Along with being an unapologetic defender of his community, TC is a nature enthusiast, father, and artist who needs our support after spending nearly two years risking his life fighting fires in so-called LA and throughout so-called California. Despite the SD DA's best efforts to keep him caged for his convictions and his refusal to cooperate, TC has been released!

Support for our comrades inside doesn't end when they're out—and he needs our solidarity now more than ever as he settles back into his city, finds work, and helps raise his kid. Let's show

him some love and remind him how much he means to us. Please donate and share widely.

Venmo: pushingdownthewalls
Cashapp: \$pushingdownthewalls
Include "TC" in the notes.

[View more info here.](#)

Running Down the Walls Events Announced for 2025



Running Down the Walls events are coming up soon in September! In 2024, the Anarchist Black Cross marked 25 years of the event taking place on both sides of the prison walls, writing:

2024 marks twenty-five-years in a row that political prisoners and supporters are participating in the annual event known as Running Down the Walls (RDTW), often running or walking simultaneously in many cities and prisons at once.

Running Down the Walls is a non-competitive 5K run/jog/walk/roll to raise awareness and funds for political prisoners as the primary fundraiser for the Anarchist Black Cross Federation (ABCF) Warchest Program with a portion of funds raised also supporting local groups of the organizers' choosing.

Over the years, the event has raised *tens of thousands* of dollars and lots of awareness around the struggle to free political prisoners in the U.S. We encourage you to attend a local event or participate remotely and

ask your comrades, family, and friends to sponsor you to make the positive impact of the 25th anniversary bigger than ever!

Currently, Running Down the Walls events are taking place in various cities including:

- Eugene, OR
- Los Angeles, CA
- Chicago, IL
- Bloomington, IN
- Miami, FL
- Lowell, MA

Be sure to check the upcoming events tab on IGD for future updates.

Stop Cop City and Other Ongoing Cases

Justice Delayed, Justice Denied: Ayla King's "speedy" trial postponed again

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The Cop City RICO trials have begun in Atlanta, with Jamie Marsicano appearing before a hearing and Ayla King's case being declared a mistrial. The state is looking to set new dates for Ayla's trial in the fall, while the defense is arguing that the case should be dropped. A recent article from the Atlanta Community Press Collective reported:

The speedy trial of "Cop City" racketeering defendant Ayla King resumed Monday after 18 months of delays, but after Judge Kevin Farmer declared a mistrial, the case was promptly put back on hold as the Georgia Court of Appeals rules on whether King faces double jeopardy.

"What I'm appealing right now is that my client has already been placed in jeopardy once," said King's attorney, Surinder K. Chadha Jimenez, following Monday's hearing. "And the Constitution guarantees that you cannot be placed in jeopardy twice."

The Georgia State Constitution

also provides additional protections against double jeopardy, Chadha Jimenez said.

There are exceptions to the double jeopardy clause, said Deputy Georgia Attorney General John Fowler, the lead prosecutor in the trial. "The Constitutional provision that precludes double jeopardy carves out an exception in the event of a mistrial."

The Court of Appeals must now rule on the issue. The earliest that the trial would recommence is September or October, two years after the indictment against King and their codefendants.

If the defense is successful in its appeal, it will result in King's acquittal.

Judge Farmer said he would move on to trials for the codefendants while the appeal is still pending.

Over the past several months, four other defendants—[Jamie Marsicano](#), Spencer Liberto, Francis Carroll and Alex Papali—filed motions for speedy trials. One or some combination of those defendants will be the next to be tried, according to an order of trials submitted by the prosecution.

The next trial is not yet scheduled, as of the time of publishing.

[Stop Cop City defendant Priscilla Grim is selling copies of a new book, No Cop City, No Cop World](#) to raise money for her legal funds.

[Casey Goonan's sentencing is now scheduled for September 23rd](#). You can write to Casey at:

[Casey Goonan #UMF227](#)
Santa Rita Jail
5325 Border Blvd.
Dublin CA 94568

In the Pacific Northwest, [Puget Sound Prisoner Support report that a Seattle activist was visited at home by DHS](#), while [federal agents have arrested at least 9 people alleged to have taken part in a protest against ICE activity in Spokane](#).

[Washington. The Philadelphia Inquirer has more commentary on the Spokane arrests.](#)

Free the Spokane 9 Largely ignored in a small market, this week's federal indictment of 9 anti-ICE protesters in Washington state, including a former council president, shows how far the Trump regime will go to crush dissent. This was always the plan. My new column [www.inquirer.com/opinion/ice-...](#)

— [Will Bunch \(@willbunch.bsky.social\) 2025-07-17T16:08:05.955Z](#)

In LA, following the mass resistance against ICE raids, [Alejandro Orellana was facing conspiracy charges for distributing face shields, but the charges have now been dropped. Reports suggest that grand juries are refusing to move forward with cases against those involved in the resistance. An article in El Pais gives further information](#) on the difficulties the prosecution are encountering when attempting to charge people.

The [support page for Peppy and Krystal](#) has been [posting new updates on other prisoners that need support](#), including "Jaia Cruz, the 24-year-old transgender woman convicted of second-degree murder charges for defending herself against a transphobic attack.." Get [more info here](#).

[15 people are facing felony charges in Ohio](#) after a protest against ICE in Cincinnati, where police violently beat people on a bridge.

[Four people facing charges from a May Day protest in Frederick, MD](#), had a court date on July 3rd, with strong community support present in court. Further court dates are set to continue throughout August, on the 5th, 4th, 19th and 20th.

The Northumberland County DA quietly dropped the RICO charge against Celeste Legere & Cara Mitrano but both still face rarely-used charges of 'ecoterrorism' & face decades in prison after being accused of setting mink free at Pennsylvania's last fur farm:

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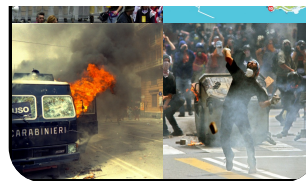
[The "Northumberland 2", Cara and Celeste, have now had the RICO charge dropped from their case](#), which relates to an alleged animal liberation action against a mink farm in Pennsylvania. [Unicorn Riot](#) has a new article with updates:

Two women from Massachusetts and several dozen supporters from around the country traveled to a small central Pennsylvania town for the first major hearing in a felony case stemming from their arrest last November. The 'Northumberland 2' - Celeste Legere and Cara Mitrano - face a litany of PA state charges after being accused of an October 18-19, 2024 break-in at the Richard H. Stahl & Sons, Inc. fur farm in which 683 mink were released from their pens and breeding records were destroyed.

Monday's hearing saw prosecutors drop the RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) charge leveled against both activists from Massachusetts. While each still face over a dozen counts and possibly decades in prison, their attorneys and supporters appeared cautiously optimistic as the state appeared to be holding a very weak hand when forced to show its cards.

"We hope the court sees through the prosecution's gross overcharging of defendants accused of releasing animals who, with absolute certainty, would have suffered extreme torture and unconscionable death," said Chris Carraway, a staff attorney at the [Animal Activist Legal Defense Project](#), which represents defendant Cara Mitrano. Mitrano is also being represented by Harrisburg attorney Natalie Burston; Celeste Legere is represented by Sunbury criminal defense lawyer Jim Best.

Pennsylvania State Police and Northumberland County District Attorney Mike

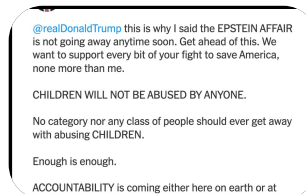


CrimethInc. Ex-Workers
@CrimethInc@todon.eu • Jul 18

The Republicans can't let go of the Epstein conspiracy because they themselves are implicated in the horrific mass child abuse that ICE is systematically perpetrating.

They desperately need to be able to tell themselves that 'others' are the ones who abuse children.

Conspiracy theories are a distraction from the horrors that everyone already knows beyond a shadow of a doubt.



CrimethInc. Ex-Workers
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At the beginning of Donald Trump's second term, centrists were arguing that Democrats should adopt far-right positions on immigration.

It's hard to imagine a more despicable, wrongheaded, and self-defeating strategy than chasing popularity by embracing the policies of actual fascists.

First—because it's wrong. Regardless of how many people endorse ethnic cleansing, we still have a responsibility to fight it. Seeking a middle ground between freedom and fascism only helps fascists to normalize their hateful ambitions.

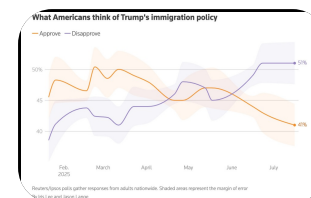
Second—because ICE is the weapon they intend to use to consolidate totalitarian power. If they succeed, that weapon will eventually be used against centrists as well as immigrants and other targeted demographics.

Third—because as the human costs of Trump's anti-immigrant policies become clear, this will discredit

those who supported or compromised with those policies. This has already happened to centrists over their complicity in the genocide in Gaza. As public opinion belatedly turns against Trump's immigration policies, it should also turn against centrists.

Finally—because public opinion doesn't emerge in a vacuum. We shape it via the things we say and do. We shouldn't pander to what is worst in people, but stand up for what is best in all of us.

<https://crimethinc.com/zines/seven-steps-to-stop-ice>



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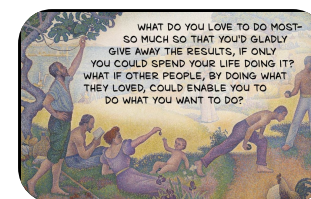
What do you love to do most—so much so that you'd gladly give away the results, if only you could spend your life doing it?

What if other people, by doing what they love, could enable you to do what you want to do?

That's the dream at the heart of the gift economy. 📖📖

You can read more about it in our text revisiting the difference between mutual aid and charity:

<https://crimethinc.com/Revolutionary/>



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Making Sense of the PKK's Self-Dissolution

<https://crimethinc.com/Jasna2025>

On May 12, 2025, the PKK announced its dissolution after more

than four decades of armed struggle against the Turkish government. On July 11, PKK fighters participated in a ceremony signifying disarmament. What will this mean for Kurdish movements for liberation and for the Middle East in general?

"It is not just the fate of an armed group at stake, but of a political project that has redefined the parameters of struggle throughout the region."



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July 13 will make 6 years since Willem Van Spronsen sacrificed his life to take action against ICE. He was killed while attempting to disable the buses serving a private detention facility imprisoning immigrants.

He knew what the consequences would be.

From the vantage point of 2025, we can see that he correctly identified ICE as representing the forefront of both totalitarianism and ethnic cleansing.

Take a moment to read his final statement.

<https://crimethinc.com/willem>



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Thanks to your support, we've reprinted the Contradictory, our Bestiary of Words in Revolt!

They're now back in stock. You can order them here:

<https://store.crimethinc.com/products>



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"At some point, the police drove a water cannon directly at the crowd. A certain masked anarchist ran right up to it and smashed out the window before it could get a clear shot at us. The driver pulled away in a hurry.

"Well, that's fucking crazy," I thought. 'Wow.'"

<https://crimethinc.com/anotherwar>



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In 2018, people around the US established occupations at ICE facilities, temporarily interrupting and distracting the mercenaries who would otherwise have been busy ruining the lives of ordinary people whose only crime was lacking a particular form of documentation.

From the vantage point of 2025, even the most milquetoast liberal should understand the call to abolish ICE. ICE is the arm of the US government most loyal to Donald Trump; it is the chief means by which he and his lackeys are establishing their police state. If we had successfully abolished ICE at the close of the first Trump era, we would be in a considerably better situation.

Those who argued for moderation have paved the way for authoritarianism.

<https://crimethinc.com/ICEage>



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Right now—before the next wave of street protests—is the best time to learn how to make and use shields and reinforced banners.

Protect yourself and your community from rubber bullets, water cannons, batons, pepper spray, surveillance, and snatch squads.

<https://crimethinc.com/reinforcedban>



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Five years ago, demonstrators in Chicago outwitted and outfought police officers, winning an opportunity to topple a hated statue of Christopher Columbus. This footage shows the moment when they got the better of police, pinning them down under a hail of cans of LaCroix sparkling water.

Afterwards, the mayor was forced to have the statue removed from the park. It was one of scores of statues of colonizers, Confederates, slaveholders, and other racists removed as a consequence of the spirited demonstrations of summer 2020.

It's worth reading the account we published from that day:

<https://crimethinc.com/GrantPark>

On May Day 2025, Chicago officials announced that the statue will never return to Grant Park. But it wasn't the government that removed the statues—it was us, the people.

A list of statues removed around the country thanks to demonstrations in 2020:

<https://crimethinc.com/StatuesDown>

If you're curious why people would want to tear down statues of Christopher Columbus, start here:

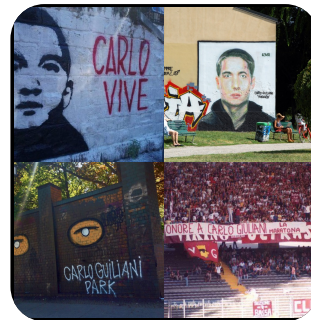
<http://crimethinc.com/Columbus>



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Today, we remember Carlo Giuliani, murdered in Genoa by the police on this day in 2001, and give thanks for all who fought against the rise of the current authoritarian world order.

May it yet come to an end.



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Today makes 24 years since hundreds of thousands of people gathered in Genoa to oppose the summit of the eight most powerful governments in the world—the G8. The demonstrations in Genoa represented the high-water mark of an era of global protest, in which both confrontational tactics and police repression reached their apex. In a new era of uprisings, we stand to learn a lot from studying previous cycles of resistance.

<https://crimethinc.com/GenoaG8>



O'Donnell initially charged Legere and Mitrano with RICO, Ecoterrorism, Agricultural Vandalism, Criminal Mischief, Theft, Burglary, Loitering and Prowling at Nighttime, Accidents Involving Damage to Attended Vehicle or Property, Recklessly Endangering Another Person, Cruelty to Animals, Agricultural Trespassing on Posted Land, and Depositing Waste on a Highway — as well as Conspiracy counts related to the Ecoterrorism, Agricultural Vandalism and Burglary charges.

Check out the [full report here](#).

Hunger Strike Breaks Out at “Alligator Alcatraz” as Trump Pushes to Expand Use of Military on US Soil

As of early August, [a hunger strike at the “Alligator Alcatraz” detention center in Florida](#) was reported to have been going on for at least 10 days. You can read [an interview with hunger striker Pedro Lorenzo Concepción here](#). A former guard has also come forward to [describe the horrific conditions inside](#).

A hunger strike at a South Florida immigration detention center state officials have named “Alligator Alcatraz” enters its tenth day, as detainees protest what they call inhumane and dangerous living conditions.

— [NBC News \(@nbcnews.com\) 2025-08-01T22:20:17Z](#)

Meanwhile, [representatives of the Miccosukee tribe have joined a lawsuit against the facility](#), highlighting its impact on their traditional lands. For more on the struggle against “Alligator Alcatraz,” see [this interview with Panagioti Tsolkas from Fight Toxic Prisons](#), which is also [now available as a zine](#).

[Resistance against ICE continues around the country](#), as highlighted in [this IGD piece about an anti-ICE campaign of posters and banner drops](#) coordinated across several

states. [Living & Fighting recently interviewed the Tucson Rapid Response Network](#) about their work, and [local resistance continues in locations such as the Philadelphia courthouse. Protests against airlines doing deportation flights, ICE contracts, and outside of detention facilities](#) also are ongoing.

High-profile detainees such as [Kilmar Abrego Garcia](#) and [Rümeysa Öztürk](#) have now been able to submit testimony describing their horrific experiences. [A new report from Human Rights Watch](#) has highlighted abuses at detention centres across Florida.

Meanwhile, [the Trump administration is planning to build a new detention camp in El Paso, Texas, near the Mexican border](#), which will be able to hold 5,000 people, making the construction site an important target for those hoping to prevent the regime from building up the infrastructure for mass deportations. The Trumpian state is also pushing to [expand the use of the National Guard](#) and use [Los Angeles as a model for the rest of the country, according to newly leaked DHS memo](#).

Kevin Johnson “Rashid” and UPROAR

The new prisoner support formation UPROAR is organizing [an ongoing phone and email campaign for Kevin “Rashid” Johnson](#). They report the following as the latest update:

Rashid confirmed the prison threw him back in solitary (RHU) on Friday 7/18/25 and that he is being held incommunicado — meaning no access to his messages, calls, mail, or the media. The prison also confiscated all of Rashid's legal property (including all writing supplies and stationery) until one of Rashid's comrades contacted the general counsel's office and got the prison to release it back to him on 7/24/25. This is clearly all a response to the publicity Rashid brought to the prison when he was in Virginia.

On Friday 7/18/25, Warden Curtis Ear Assistant Warden Joseph Werts, Captain Carter, and Investigator Anderson called Rashid to the Warden's office. Rashid was sent to South Carolina under a settlement agreement (which Rashid didn't consent to), but one of the settlement terms says Rashid must be in a single cell in general population. The Warden said he was not going to honor that, and if Rashid didn't like that, the prison would put him back in solitary. After that, they put him back in solitary for no reason.

The prison's dentist and nurse practitioner have now refused to give him more antibiotics since he was returned to solitary on Friday 7/18/25. His face is still swollen, and he feels pressure in his eye and ear as well. He still has not received treatment for the dental abscess. He faced a similar situation when he had cancer — the prison diagnosed him in 2021 but left him without treatment for 1.5 years. It feels like they're trying to let this infection spread and potentially kill him.

We demand restoration of communication, immediate medical care, and strict adherence to the settlement's single-cell general-population clause.

Rashid was recently able to publish [an article on the effects of solitary confinement on South Carolina prisoners](#), and [his recent interview on the 2016 prison strikes has now been formatted as a zine](#).

UPROAR is also organizing campaigns in support of [Ekong Eshiet in the Indiana prison system, who's been given a one-year solitary restriction](#), [Randy Lassiter at Red Onion in Virginia, who launched a hunger strike after being assaulted by staff](#), [Peter “Pitt” Kamau Mukuria at Jessup CI in Virginia, who is facing ongoing retaliation and medical neglect after being assaulted](#), and [Dewaune Lane Jr at Red Onion, who is facing harsh retaliation for whistle-blowing](#).

Incarcerated Workers

Organizing Committee (IWOC) Conference

The Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee are fundraising to cover the costs of running their annual conference. They write:

We have many productive virtual meetings throughout the year. Our annual conference is a very meaningful experience for all attendees, but especially those who have suffered at the hands of criminal-legal systems the most. The same depth of meaning, learning, communication, relationship building and camaraderie is simply not possible through virtual events. Many formerly incarcerated members attend, and we typically make time for currently incarcerated members to call in and engage.

Donate to and share the campaign here.

Black August and General Prison News

This month marks the start of Black August, which commemorates Black liberation resistance inside and outside the prison walls. Anarchist and George Floyd uprising prisoner Malik recently wrote of Black August:

Black August starts soon. Usually I have others to participate with me, but since I don't, I'm calling on those of you out there to get together in your cohorts, do 100 of something everyday with me for the month of August, and tell me how its going for you. Burpees, push-ups, sit-ups, a mile run/walk, 100 of some exercise for 31 days with me, that'd be rad! The key is unity, solidarity, so try to do them at least with one other person. You can split things up and make 100 squats into 50, plus its more fun together, and that's what its about, what we can do together!

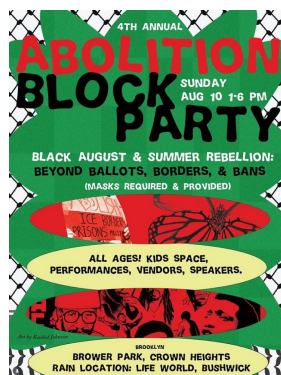
You can write to Malik here:

Malik Muhammad #23935744
Snake River Correctional

Institution
777 Stanton Blvd
Ontario, OR 97914-8335

Black August is also being observed in prisons, upcoming film showings in Philadelphia, and an abolitionist block party is being held in NYC on August 10th.

Chicago Anti-Report have published an important update on prison censorship and mail scanning in the Illinois prison system.



On the subject of mail digitization, Bloomington ABC have shared an update that Sean Swain's mailing address is changing from August as part of ongoing mail digitization projects in the Ohio prison system. You can see the official ODRC guideline page for more information on this subject. Write to Sean at:

Sean Swain A243-205
Mail Processing Center
884 Coitsville Hubbard Road
Youngstown, Ohio 44505

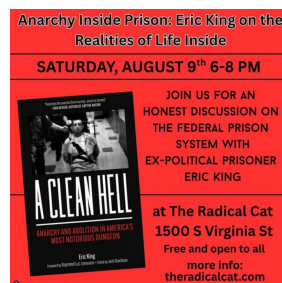
Prisoners Justice Day is observed, mainly in Canada on August 10th, and an event is being organized in Vancouver to mark 50 years of the tradition.



A fundraiser for the Greg Curry freedom campaign is being organized for August 24th in Detroit.

In August, there will be a support rally in Portland, OR for Brian "Hakiym" Simpson, who "was attacked by a coworker while working wildfire season in Oregon. He now faces years in prison after defending himself." For more info on the rally on August 9th, go here.

Former anarchist political prisoner Eric King continues to do ongoing speaking events promoting his new book, *A Clean Hell*. Catch him in Reno, NV and at the upcoming Sacramento Anarchist Bookfair in October.



Jailhouse Lawyers Speak are helping to organize a parole campaign for Gene "Khalil" Scott, a prisoner being held in South Carolina under the interstate compact system who will not be allowed to speak at his own parole hearing.

A new report from the Justice Department's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has highlighted the brutal effects of shackles being used in the Federal prison system.

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Border Patrol agents raided a Home Depot in Los Angeles today, kidnapping over a dozen people in what they called "Operation Trojan Horse."

They borrowed this tactic from Patriot Front, a neo-Nazi group that rents box trucks to transport its members to marches. Now that the fascists hold state power, they are using the same tactics on a larger scale.

But as frightening as is to have state fascists in military gear carrying out surprise assaults on our streets, remember—this tactic has been producing diminishing returns for non-state fascists. The less popular they become, the more rapidly they have to move and the more vulnerable they are to mass resistance.

Watch for an opportunity and treat them like the scum they are.

<https://crimethinc.com/stopice>



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It's been years since our last music release—but desperate times call for desperate measures.

Taking up arms against a wave of authoritarianism and despair, North Carolina's premier hardcore band, Catharsis, has recorded a new full-length album, "Hope Against Hope."

<https://crimethinc.com/HopeAgainstH>

You can download the new Catharsis recording from us via the CrimethInc. bandcamp page:

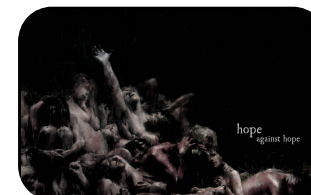
<https://crimethinc.bandcamp.com/>

Or pre-order the LP on vinyl from us here:

<https://store.crimethinc.com/products/hope-against-hope-lp>

It's also available on the usual streaming platforms.

"This record picks up where the band's last material left off, continuing to push the envelope in terms of what hardcore can do. They don't retreat the ground they broke on their previous albums, but press forward into ever more abrasive and dynamic territory. Politically, they remain uncompromisingly radical in their lives as well as lyrics. Hardcore draws its dramatic power from the connection between word and deed; this is not a band that has slowed down, toned down, or mellowed out."



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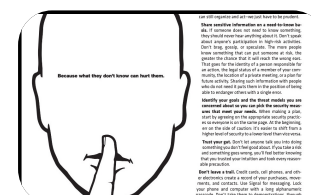
Security Culture: A poster

<https://crimethinc.com/posters/securityculture>

This poster introduces the basics of security culture—a set of shared practices designed to minimize risk for everyone.

Please distribute these at demonstrations and post them in community spaces.

"Because what they don't know can hurt them!"



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This August will mark five years since a revolt in Belarus nearly toppled Alexander Lukashenko, the autocrat who has ruled the country since 1994 with the support of Vladimir Putin.

Anarchists in Belarus, in Belarusian prisons, and in the Belarusian diaspora continue to resist. They play a crucial part in the global fight against autocracy—and they

deserve our support.

Call for solidarity actions on August 9-11, the anniversary of the 2020 Belarusian uprising:

<https://pramen.io/en/2025/07/call-for-solidarity-actions-on-august-9-11-the-anniversary-of-the-2020-belarusian-uprising-en-by-ru/>

Background on the 2020 revolt:

<https://crimethinc.com/whenwerise>

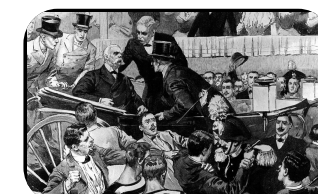


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On this day in the year 1900, the anarchist Gaetano Bresci assassinated King Umberto of Italy.

<https://crimethinc.com/bresci>

In this history, we remember an Italian immigrant who risked his life to save Errico Malatesta from an assassination attempt, then gave his life to impose consequences for the slaughter of hundreds of poor workers. We include translations of Malatesta's and Leo Tolstoy's reflections on Bresci's attack and an Italian folk song inspired by Bresci's deed.



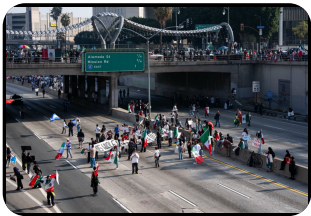
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As the saying goes—

If you're not an anarchist at twenty, you've got no guts.

If you're not an anarchist at thirty, you've got no heart.

If you're not an anarchist at forty, you've got no brains.



Social Movements Are Physically Reclaiming Spaces to Replace the State
More than a way of protest, social movements are occupying spaces to challenge authority and fight against oppression.



"Jones received over \$5,000 from Virginia Republicans during the 2023 Virginia Election. BLM757 and Jones have been disavowed by Greater DC Black Lives Matter. Jones has made connections with right-wing movements like Boogaloo Boys and had an appearance on Infowars with a host who once burned a Black Lives Matter flag in Washington DC on the eve of January 6."

<https://goad.ghost.io/blm757-leader-continues-work-with-gop-after-rally-at-anti-trump-richmond-event/>

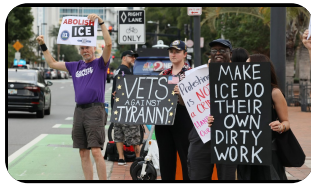


BLM757 Leader Continues Work with GOP After Rally at Anti-Trump Richmond Event



"About 30 people gathered Monday evening in Orlando to protest Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings signing an agreement allowing local corrections officers to transport immigrant detainees to federal detention centers."

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/2023/07/17/protesters-decry-ice-transport-agreement-signed-by-demings/>



Orlando protesters decry ICE transport agreement signed by Demings
Protesters are calling on opponents of the agreement to attend Tuesday's county commission meeting.



"Over the last six months, capital expenditures on AI—counting just information processing equipment and software, by the way—added more to the growth of the US economy than all consumer spending combined. You can just pull any of those quotes out—spending on IT for AI is so big it might be making up for economic losses from the tariffs, serving as a private sector stimulus program."

<https://www.bloodinthemachine.com/ai-bubble-is-so-big-its-propping>



Help bring movement elders to the west coast for a speaking tour!
Share and support this fundraiser.

<https://itsgoingdown.org/help-bring-lorenzo-and-jo-nina-erwin-to-california-for-speaking-tour/>



Help Bring Lorenzo and JoNina Ervin to California for Speaking Tour!
Announcement for crowd-funding campaign to help support west coast speaking tour for Lorenzo and JoNina Ervin. Donate and view here. "Wher..."



Archive version here:
<https://archive.ph/Kh3qj#selection-799.0-799.78>



"We have people patrolling all over the city starting at 5:30 in the morning."

"Yet if Los Angeles is a testing ground for mass deportation, it's also a place to see how the resistance is evolving."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/30/immigration-protest-resistance.html>



Catharsis—the hardcore band whose new LP, "Hope against Hope," we released one week ago—will be performing in the Southeast this weekend:

8/8 Durham, NC: The Pinhook
8/9 Asheville, NC: Sly Grog
8/10 Atlanta, GA: Eyedrum

For information about the album and the shows:

<https://crimethinc.com/HopeAgainstH>



We repeat, the fascists have come to power. Keeping your head down will not keep you safe. We have to fight them with everything we've got.

<https://crimethinc.com/saferinthefront>



Oakland Abolition & Solidarity
report that the California system lockdown has been lifted. They write:

As we reported in our last newsletter, CDCr had imposed a statewide lockdown on all Level III and IV yards citing an uptick in violence. Ever the opaque agency speaking in empty public relations code, CDCr of course didn't bother substantiating or contextualizing that claim let alone explain how group punishment addresses the particularities of these violent incidents. In response to the blunt, statewide punishment, two yards at Salinas Valley State Prison initiated a mass hungerstrike within a day of the lockdown announcement. (See their powerful demands and statement republished below). After three weeks of lockdown and flipping peoples cells en masse, CDCr reinstated normal programming across all effected yards.

Lockdowns and group punishments are a common tactic of CDCr and we can expect more in the future. In the meantime we need to stay tuned to help fight retaliations against those who resist. Retaliation is also a well worn piece of CDCr's vile repertoire. As an ex-incarcerated compa quite familiar with CA's prison regime said, "They usually wait for some time to let the dust settle. Retaliations will for sure come."

We will update you all here with any information or calls to support as they arise.

Oakland A&S also highlight that the city of Oakland is planning to grow its police surveillance camera network.

Julio "Comrade Z" Zuniga has published a new article on the treatment of mentally ill prisoners in the Texas prison system at Mongoose Distro. Mongoose has also recently published new art by Federal prisoner Kit Brixton and an article by California prisoner Iodanus Olivas on his wrongful conviction.

International

Long-term Lebanese political prisoner Georges Abdallah has been released after having been held in the French prison system since 1982. The Samidoun network has published a statement on his release and reported on his return to Lebanon, and With Whatever Weapons has formatted his original trial statement from 1987 as a zine.

International repression against the Palestine solidarity movement continues, with Belgium now making moves to ban several climate action and Palestine solidarity groups, while Freedom has a report on the heavy repression ongoing in Germany. In the UK, the ban on Palestine Action as a terror group is now in effect, and July has seen a steady stream of people being arrested for publicly supporting the group. The courts have now given permission for a legal challenge against the ban to be heard, meaning that the ban could be overturned by November.

The Koukaki squat community in Athens are fundraising for legal costs, as three squatters are facing 6.5 years in prison on charges relating to a squat eviction in 2020. The final appeal hearing in the case will be heard on December 2, and there's a call to the international squatting and anarchist movement for solidarity as that date approaches.

Greek anarchist prisoner Dimitris Chatzivasileiadis written a new article on the anniversaries of the deaths of Greek revolutionaries Christoforos Marinos and Vasos Tsironis and of Willem van Spronsen in the US.

The six, bakery workers in Gijón in Asturias and members of the CNT syndicalist union, were sentenced to three and a half years in prison after an extended legal campaign by the owner of La Suiza bakery, whom a worker accused of harassment. harassmentfreedomnews.org.uk/2025-07-11T14:45:18.533Z

— Freedom Press
([@freedompress.bsky.social](https://freedompress.bsky.social))
2025-07-11T14:45:18.533Z

An international solidarity campaign is being launched for two Ukrainian antifascists, Denys Matsola and Vladyslav Zhuravlyov, who have been held in Russian captivity for three years. The Russian state has now banned all ABC groups, but the exiled ABC Moscow group continue their work, posting about the birthdays of political prisoners Lyubov Lizunova and Savely Frolov, and helping to fundraise for the legal defences of antifascist/antiwar prisoner Yuri Mikhhev and the anarchist and antifascist defendants in the Tyumen case.

Italian anarchist prisoner Alfredo Cospito is reportedly facing a total mail ban, while Paolo Todde has now ended his hunger strike.

In Chile, the trial of Aldo and Lucas Hernandez has begun, and a number of other anarchist prisoners have made statements in solidarity with them.

In Spain, six bakery workers and members of the anarcho-syndicalist CNT union have now begun their prison sentences, having been sentenced to three and a half years for their participation in a union campaign.

Police in Austria have carried out a raid against an antifascist youth camp.

Uprising Defendants

See Uprising Support for more info, and check out the Antirepression PDX site for updates from Portland cases. You can also check With Whatever Weapons for regularly-updated zines listing current prisoners. To the best of our knowledge they currently include:

Tyre Means 49981-086
USP Victorville
US Penitentiary
P.O. Box 3900
Adelanto, CA 92301

Margaret Channon 49955-086
FCI Tallahassee
P.O. Box 5000
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Malik Muhammad #23935744
Snake River Correctional

777 Stanton Blvd
Ontario, OR 97914

Montez Lee 22429-041
FCI Petersburg Medium
Federal Correctional Institution
PO Box 1000
Petersburg, VA 23804

Matthew Rupert #55013-424
USP Big Sandy
US Penitentiary
P.O. Box 2068
Inez, KY 41224

José Felan #54146-380
FCI Terre Haute
Federal Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 33
Terre Haute, IN 47808

David Elmakayes 77782-066
FCI McKean
Federal Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 8000
Bradford, PA 16701

Khalif Miller #QQ9287
Camp Hill
PO Box 33028
St. Petersburg, FL 33733

Mujera Benjamin Lunga'ho #08572-509
08572-509
FCI Beaumont Medium
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL
INSTITUTION
P.O. Box 26040
Beaumont, TX 77720

Christopher Tindal 04392-509
FCI Cumberland
PO Box 1000
Cumberland, MD 21501

Upcoming Birthdays

The Political Prisoner Birthday
Calendar project has been revived,
and you can find the August
calendar here.

Margaret Channon

Margaret was sentenced to 5 years
in federal prison after pleading
guilty to setting 5 cop cars on fire
during the large protests in
Downtown Seattle on May 29th,
2020.

The Federal system uses Corrlinks,
a system where a prisoner must send
a request to connect to someone on
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the outside before they can
exchange emails, so if you're not
already connected to Margaret then
you're best off just sending her a
card or a letter.

Birthday: August 1

Address:

Margaret Channon 49955-086
FCI Tallahassee
Federal Correctional Institution
PO Box 5000
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Bill Dunne

Long-term anarchist prisoner held
since 1979 for attempting to free
another comrade from
imprisonment. Through the years
Bill has also taught GED classes at
almost every prison he has found
himself at, helping many prisoners
get their GED. Bill is generous,
principled, full of integrity and has
never wavered from his politics or
convictions. Bill continues to stay
active politically, helping edit and
write 4Struggle Magazine,
organizing the yearly Running
Down the Walls 5K for political
prisoners, and serves on the ABCF
Prisoner Committee. You can read
some of his writings here.

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a system where a prisoner must send
a request to connect to someone on
the outside before they can
exchange emails, so if you're not
already connected to Bill then
you're best off just sending him a
card or a letter.

Birthday: August 3

Address:

Bill Dunne #10916-086
FMC Butner Medium II
PO Box 1600
Butner, North Carolina 27509

**Hanif Shabazz Bey (Beaumont
Gereau)**

One of the Virgin Island 3 serving
8 consecutive life sentences after
being tortured into a false
confession then wrongly
imprisoned since 2001 when his
sentence was vacated.

Hanif is in an institution run by

CoreCivic, and it appears that you
can email him here.

Birthday: August 16

Address:

Beaumont Gereau #19-1952
Citrus County Detention Facility
c/o Securus Digital Mail Center
Post Office Box 20187
Tampa, Florida 33622

Christopher L Young

Queer anarchist prisoner/jailhouse
lawyer in Kentucky wishing to start
an anarchist book club and get
more involved in organizing.

Kentucky uses Securus, so you can
send him a message by creating an
account at securustech.online,
clicking "emessaging - launch
account," then searching his name
while selecting "State: Kentucky,
Inmate ID: 136515."

Birthday: August 17

Address:

Christopher L Young #136515
Kentucky State Penitentiary
266 Water Street
Eddyville, Kentucky 42038

Ronald Reed

Black Liberation prisoner,
convicted in 1995 for allegedly
shooting a police officer in 1970.

Minnesota uses Jpay, so you can
send him a message by going to
jpays.com, clicking "inmate search,"
then selecting "State: Minnesota,
Inmate ID: 219531."

Birthday: August 31

Address:

Ronald Reed #219531
Minnesota Correctional Facility-
Lino Lakes
7525 Fourth Avenue
Lino Lakes, Minnesota 55014

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I think there are about a dozen or so
detention centers that are good
candidates for environmental
lawsuits. One of these facilities is in
Leavenworth, Kansas. It's a federal
prison located on a military base
that they want to expand into an
ICE detention camp. As far as I
know, no one is litigating that. So
finding those local fights and
providing outside support is a good
place to direct energy.

The other thing that came out of
the fight against ICE in the
Everglades is a model that many of
us in the Earth First! movement are
familiar with: tracking down the
contractors and putting pressure on
them. Often, these companies are
small outfits that don't want bad
publicity; other times, they're huge
outfits and this one facility is not
make-it-or-break-it for them, so
they'd rather just cut their losses
and not be affiliated with it.
Mapping out those companies and
putting pressure on them
accordingly is a good approach.

MG: *Just the other day, I saw that
some of the contractors for the
Everglades camp have been taping
over the company logos on their
trucks...*

PS: Yeah, people were like, "Hey, I
just saw a mosquito control truck
come out to the facility. I don't
know if they have a contract, but
here's their phone number, let's call
and ask." I think doing things like
that can be incredibly effective. You
don't have to know for sure: It's a
fine approach to say, "Hey, we
heard you were out there. Do you
have this contract? Do you know
the harm that this is causing?"

That's something anyone can do.
And it's something that's
happening. It's hard to measure the
success in the immediate term, but
we saw how it can play out just
recently, with Cop City, where
some companies were basically like,
"We backed out of this project
because people smashed our
windows." 2 So occasionally you get
this little glimpse of how protests,
or bad publicity, or relatively minor
acts of damaging property or
exposing someone in the newspaper
might get them to change their
mind about affiliating with a
project.

It's the old SHAC model,
essentially. But that was so long
ago, maybe we should call it the
Stop Cop City model instead.

1

Osceola was a leader of the
Seminole resistance against the U.S.
government's campaign of ethnic
cleansing in Florida.

2

Reeves Young Construction,
Quality Glass Company, and Atlas
Technical Consultants all backed
out of Cop City contracts in
response to pressure campaigns.

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dropped, share, read, and contribute
to movements and struggles against
state repression.

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In Contempt #55: Repression
Against Anti-ICE Protesters Ramps
Up, Hunger Strike Kicks off at
Alcatraz

In this column, we present our monthly
rundown of political prisoner, prison rebel,
and repression news, happenings,
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court in solidarity with a Stop Cop
City defendant.

has a virtual hearing to dismiss their bogus
ATL Cop City Domestic Terrorism Charge.
...
Pack the Court virtually!
Wed. 8/6 @ 2pm
tinyurl.com/DropTheTerrorismCharge
Meeting ID: 883 8751 7511
Jamie is running an

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"What gives me the strength to
continue this work is first my love for
my country and second my parents
who always told me that I must
continue to help people because the
people in Gaza need help and I
made a decision that I will continue
to help people even if it costs me my
life."

<https://freedomnews.org.uk/2025/08/aid-in-gaza-i-will-continue-to-help-people-even-if-it-costs-me-my-life/>



Mutual aid in Gaza: "I will continue to
help people even if it costs me my
life" - Freedom News
An interview with Anas Arafat from Plant
the Land about the importance of
emergency common assistance whilst
working on longer-term solution...

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"To put it simply, more and more of
us are recognizing that our current
governments, electoral processes,
and non-confrontational methods of
protest are not enough to really
make the world better. It is therefore
critical to consider other strategies
and tactics. The more people are
excluded from effective participation
in traditional politics, economic
opportunity, maintaining the health of
their communities, and
environmental decision-making, the
more it makes sense to pursue
tactics like creating
counteroccupations which aim to
replace the state."

<https://truthout.org/articles/social-movements-are-physically-reclaiming-spaces-to-replace-the-state/>

it's going to be different, in that there'll likely be a lot of turnover—people won't stay in these facilities very long—but that could also shift: we might actually see a situation where they're able to fill the camps, but can't get the deportation process running as efficiently as they're talking about. So people might end up sitting in these facilities for longer than we think, and we should be prepared for that.

MG: *Listening to Republicans promoting the Everglades concentration camp—laughing as they talk about detainees being eaten by alligators or dying in the swamp when they attempt to escape—I was reminded of the southern border, where the U.S. government uses wilderness to inflicting suffering and death under the pretext of containing the movement of people. Do you think, in the case of the Everglades, that all this posturing about alligators and snakes is pure political theater? Or could we really see a situation where security at the camp is relatively lax, with authorities relying on the wilderness to contain people, and detainees are escaping into the swamps?*

PS: I mean, there is a legacy of that, as I mentioned, with Maroon communities, self-liberated slaves, and Indigenous communities from farther north escaping into the Everglades to survive. I can't really picture ICE agents chasing anyone into the swamps. The experience I've had with Earth First! actions where we were like, "Alright, now we're going into this swamp," the cops basically stopped at the water and just watched and waited. But no, I don't think people are going to be eaten by alligators. I think that's political theater. But I do think it's possible that the legacy of people escaping into the swamp could continue. I mean, honestly, the facility doesn't look that well built. They put it up in weeks. It's just chain link fences. It reminds me of the junk border wall, or really any section of the border wall, where people regularly climb or cut through it with little to no difficulty. It's political theater. But yes, people could end up lost out there, and it's also maybe a scenario where communities could support people in surviving escapes.

That's all hypothetical, though, of course. But it makes sense to be asking hypothetical questions right now, even if they seem absurd, and to look at other countries with other experiences of migrant solidarity organizing. This administration is obviously spreading itself very thin. It's well resourced—I mean, Congress just forked over \$170 billion or more for immigration control—but it's also spreading itself thin in a way that looks a lot like other late-game empires grasping desperately to hold onto the meaningless aspects of their culture, like whiteness, or "American" identity. It's possible that if they continue to build more of these chain-link facilities as symbolic gestures, to induce fear, but they don't actually secure them that well, that we'll have a situation similar to the border wall, where what's perceived as this high-intensity security infrastructure is really just a bunch of, you know, floodlights that don't actually turn on and fences that you can just cut through with an angle grinder.

MG: *In 2023, you wrote an essay recounting your experience with the Stop Cop City forest defense movement in Atlanta. You explain how the State of Georgia lowered the threshold for charging people with domestic terrorism—from an act that kills at least ten people to basically any protest that involves property damage. This, you wrote, mirrors a national trend: "In response to anti-pipeline, anti-police and anti-Trump protests, legislators in nearly 20 states proposed similar bills in 2017. Since then, 45 states have considered new anti-protest laws, with 39 state and federal laws passed that attempt to weaken First Amendment rights... [and] the most egregious of them, Florida Governor DeSantis' anti-riot law, criminalizes anyone who participates in vaguely defined 'violent public disturbance involving an assembly of three or more persons.' What has been the effect of this legislation in Florida, and is the general atmosphere of heightened repression having its desired effect and discouraging people from fighting back?*

PS: In Florida, they didn't end up using those anti-protest laws in court. I think a lot of it was also

political theater. I got arrested right around that time, at a solidarity protest at a prison, and there was a lot of talk about how they were going to use the HB1 anti-protest bill that had just passed—but they didn't. I can't think of any cases where it affected people directly, in part, I think, because of all the pushback. The Cop City example is more relevant here, and we're still seeing the effects of that right now. People charged in the RICO case are going to court any day now, so we'll be learning more about how that plays out in the coming weeks.

In the case of opposition to the detention center, I think the atmosphere of escalating repression is having the opposite effect. Getting hundreds of people to show up out on Tamiami Trail in the middle of the summer is pretty rare. I can't think of many other examples when that's happened. Usually, for other protests, we'll see a couple dozen people. So I would say it's turning people out more than it's turning them away.

MG: *How can people get involved in supporting folks in prison and detention? What are some actions people can take, either individually, or as an organized group?*

PS: I'm part of a working group of environmental and immigrant rights activists that's pursuing legal challenges against proposed detention centers or expansions of existing facilities, and we've been having some interesting conversations. The lawsuit filed against the Everglades detention center is a template that we think could be applied to other proposed camps. So I think people can plug into ongoing organizing and support the groups that are filing these lawsuits. A lot of the time, it's grassroots groups with people on the ground who have standing, and they don't have a ton of money. In the case of the Everglades, there are bigger NGOs that work in that region and have a legacy of environmental lawsuits, but in places like Folkston, Georgia, just north of the Florida line, where there's a proposed expansion, not as much. So we need to support those efforts and the people working on the ground.

Announcement for crowd-funding campaign to help support west coast speaking tour for Lorenzo and JoNina Ervin. [Donate and view here.](#)

"Where there is repression, there is resistance...period." - Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin
"You still have to get out in the streets and do it." - JoNina Abron-Ervin

It's no secret our communities and the movements to defend them are under attack. Fascists relentlessly heighten political repression, using despair to overwhelm and immobilize us. Movement veterans who survived great sacrifices in their struggles against racist state oppression remind us that we have been here before—and that we can withstand it again. Now, more than ever, we must learn from them how to organize under dire circumstances.

We are raising \$6,000 to transport, room, board, and support movement veterans Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin and JoNina Abron-Ervin for a speaking tour in California:

- **Saturday, October 4:** Black Lantern Books (6533 West Blvd, Inglewood)
- **Tuesday, October 7:** West Oakland Library (1801 Adeline St, Oakland)
- **Thursday, October 9:** Black Panther Party Museum (1427 Broadway, Oakland)
- **Saturday, October 11:** Sacramento Anarchist Book Fair (1819 E St, Sacramento)

Lorenzo Kom'Boa Ervin was a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and then shortly after, the Chattanooga branch of the Black Panther Party (BPP). While incarcerated for his contributions to the revolutionary struggle, Lorenzo connected Black liberation struggles to anarchist theory through writing, foremost of which is the contemporary classic [Anarchism and the Black Revolution](#).

JoNina Abron-Ervin transferred

from the BPP's Detroit branch to the Oakland headquarters in the early 1970s, where she became the editor of the Party's newspaper. JoNina was a key organizer in the BPP's survival programs, participating in the free breakfast, prison visit transportation, and education programs. Accounts of these experiences can be read in her forthcoming book from AK Press, [Driven by the Movement: Reports from the Black Power Era](#).



Since these formative experiences, Lorenzo and JoNina have continued to explore the connections between contemporary organizing, social movements, Black Liberation, and anarchism. Bringing them to California will strengthen cross-regional and intergenerational ties to powerfully meet this critical moment.

Only our movements' collective efforts can make this possible. Thank you for donating what you can; we look forward to forging connections with you in October!

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Marking 10 years since the Narvarte murders: Justice, struggle, and memory
July 31, 2025

On July 31, 2015, Alejandra Negrete, Mile Martín, Nadia Vera, Rubén Espinosa and Yesenia Quiroz were murdered in an apartment in the Narvarte neighborhood of Mexico City. In the ten years since, their family members, friends, and comrades

have been demanding justice and struggling to keep their memories alive. While three people have been detained for the killings, evidence ignored by the Mexico City prosecutor's office [implicates former officials of that office](#) in the killings. It has also refused to investigate the role of the administration of Javier Duarte, former governor of Veracruz, from where Nadia, a radical activist, and Rubén, a journalist, [fled fearing for their safety](#) after receiving threats. To mark ten years, those accompanying the families in their search for truth and justice have created a digital common archive: [Memorial Narvarte](#). Below is a text announcing the archive along with a piece by Mirtha Luz Pérez Robledo, the mother of Nadia Vera. Both were translated by [Scott Campbell](#).

Memorial Narvarte: An Archive for the Future

Ten years after Alejandra Negrete, Mile Martín, Nadia Vera, Rubén Espinosa and Yesenia Quiroz were taken from us, we continue putting faith in collective memory.

After the multi-femicide and homicide that occurred on July 31, 2015, in an apartment at 1909 Luz Saviñón Street in the Narvarte neighborhood of Mexico City, authorities tried to create a "historical truth," to shelve the case without considering that Nadia and Rubén fled from threats in Veracruz, and without following the different lines of investigation linked to Nadia's activism and Rubén's journalism. What followed would be a demand for justice in the face of criminalization, revictimization, xenophobia, and discrimination against the 5; as well as a collective demonstration of resistance and living memory.

Over the course of this decade, together with their families and allied organizations, we made space amid State neglect and abandonment. We want to continue building a dissident common sense to the hegemonic narratives regarding the recent history of our country and the acts that mark us. That is why we are

building a common archive, a space of digital memory to remember them: memorialnarvarte.org.

This collective archive compiles statements, photographs, videos, texts, audios, artistic pieces, along with other elements that mark a decade of struggle, memory, and resistance for the 5, as well as collective expressions in homage to the victims. It is a self-managed initiative born of the accompaniment group Memorial Narvarte, which also organizes the Festival Arte Para No Olvidarte (Art to Not Forget You Festival).

What do we honor when we create a space of memory? How do we care for those who were taken from us? What communities are created out of grief? How do we confront the paralyzing horror? How do we nurture and sustain a memorial, in person or virtually, over time? These are questions that accompany us and that we have woven collectively with others.

Creating a memorial is not just a symbolic act: it is a form of inhabiting the present with dignity. It is to reclaim our history and our future. It is to say that in this country, where justice is feigned, there are those who do not surrender. There are those who, with each act of memory, continue making visible what they wanted to erase.

We thank all those people who, with their words, presence, images, and accompaniment, form part of this archive. If you want to collaborate, you can email your contributions to festival.narvarte@gmail.com and find us on social networks at [@memorial.narvarte](https://memorial.narvarte.org).

We will continue to name Nadia, Rubén, Mile, Yesenia and Alejandra. We will continue to demand justice. Because there are dead who will never be silenced. Because memory is also an act of the future. Because as Mirtha, Nadia's mother, says, the word heals and repairs, it is the only thing they cannot take from us, the power of our words.

<https://memorialnarvarte.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Caso->

[Narvarte -Una-decada-de-impunidad.mp4](#)

"What I cannot say: A decade of impunity"

by Mirtha Luz Pérez Robledo, mother of Nadia Vera

The worst form of injustice is pretended justice. - Plato

For 10 years we have had a feeling of impunity, complicity, and cover-up because the ineptitude of the Mexico City prosecutor's office has nothing to do, as we originally thought at the beginning, with distraction and the lack of willingness, but with a manner of operating that is systematic: regardless of what political party they belong to, elected or not, they behave like dominoes, they are moved by inertia, and they do not go or see beyond their interests.

The echo of my scream arrives muffled, distorted, and dies in the penumbra where bureaucrats write the rules of the game that we will never be able to change.

A decade after the Narvarte murders, which occurred on July 31, 2015, where the life of my daughter, Nadia Dominique Vera Pérez, the journalist Rubén Espinosa, and three other people were taken, we still do not know where the weapon is, nor what the motive was, and what we know from independent investigations has taken years for the prosecutor to accept: that there were more than three murderers.

We cannot name names as they hold us responsible and lower us to the level of a criminal, while defending the rights of criminals and even more so if they are employees of that institution.

Here the word returns, to be spoken alongside Bachmann, to say *dark things*.

Wanting to say does not make us say, wanting to say does not allow us to say what we want to say.

That is why I write, to be able to get out of this experience of grief; the word, these words, give me freedom

and I am not strong like the world asks of me but, thus, I dignify my fragility.

I try to speak because to remain silent before an institution that lies would be an anti-life position.

Resorting to language to try to name the unnamable, to make myself heard, to unravel the lie, to condemn inaction.

To speak to demand the truth.

"Because the true opens cracks in the wall, the true separates the headstone from your tomb"

The demand for truth is perhaps the only effective means to undermine that wall of silence that the real powers have tried to impose on us.

So here, I say what I cannot say and not only because language is arbitrary. I cannot speak because they won't let me tell the truth, because there is not one truth, there are many truths that hide the true truth.

I say that I cannot speak because the language of the justice system excludes me and makes me a vassal of imposed language, which if I dare to break could set free not one, but three murderers.

I say that I cannot speak because the lawyers' strategy does not allow me to speak: subtleties in the interest of achieving minimum justice.

I say that I cannot speak because the operating system of the justice system will not allow me to speak, that which coopts the operators of the same system who carry out poor investigations and cover up for criminals. This system puts the victims in a cell that, in its infinity, reflects the constant state of uneasiness, the incessant search for meaning that is not found, just as the imparting of justice is not found and the truth is not found. The system has a deaf muttering that interweaves unfulfilled promises and failed hopes.

Those who say they impart justice, those who investigate, are those who lie and pretend to do something but do nothing and

flooded. I mean, of course it did: it's in the middle of a swamp. This all seems so obviously intentional. It makes me wonder to what extent these dangerous and toxic prison conditions are a deliberate part of the punishment. Or at best, a kind of organized abandonment.

PS: Yeah, that's the legacy of the prison system. If you can make people terrified by the concept of prison, then social control is more effective. So yeah, I think it's a reflection of the broader strategy.

In terms of ICE detention, obviously the Trump regime can't deport all the immigrants in this country. It's impossible, and it would have adverse impacts on the richest of the rich, who depend on immigrant labor. We know the goal isn't to remove every undocumented person; it's to create a climate of fear and terror, to make people more controllable, more scared to speak up or act in their own interests. So making a big show out of "Alligator Alcatraz" is part of that plan—to say, "Look at this place you could end up." They're bragging about the conditions, about the lethal dangers. That's the story they want in the news. And unfortunately, I think it's really hard for us not to play into that fearmongering—they create a kind of win-win situation by highlighting how fucked up the conditions are, and then we amplify it because, well, it is fucked up. So the sum of the discourse sends waves of fear through people, making them want to hide, or avoid joining a movement, avoid joining protests, avoid organizing in their community in any way that's visible.

MG: *What are some concrete ways people have organized against prisons in recent years, and can you articulate any strategies that movements have developed to break out of that feedback loop, where advocates and abolitionists end up playing into these narratives of intimidation and fear?*

PS: I learned a lot about prison organizing during the years that I was involved in developing the network that came out of the Prison Ecology Project and the Fight Toxic Prisons research

collaborations. At that time, we were in touch with many family members of people in prison who had visitation rights and would share information with us, and with jailhouse lawyers on the inside, who were often more comfortable advocating for themselves or on behalf of others because they do it on a professional or semi-professional level, on the inside. I learned a lot from my experience organizing with those inside/outside alliances that I think could be applicable, especially around how to make organizing demands while moderating how much retaliation comes down on people, who may or may not even be involved.

That was something we saw a lot of during the prison strike organizing. Initially, we started by surveying people about their experiences with conditions in custody. And then the strike for the anniversary of the Attica prison uprising was announced and we shifted to communicating with people about the demands being made around that. From there, over the course of two years or so, we were able to build a lot of relationships and connections with people who were hungry to hear from the outside and wanted to participate. We were able to get mail in, we were able to set up phone calls with people, or figure out who had phones and who could access the email, and figure out how to communicate safely. At the time, it wasn't as common to have tablets; now a lot of prisoners do. So we had a lot of those contacts, but then those connections started getting severed: visitations started getting cut off, access to mail has been drastically limited, in part, I think, in response to that organizing.

We did see people lose their visitation status, which was really hard for some of the folks involved in the organizing. We also saw a lot of people sent to solitary just for being suspected of communicating with outside organizers. But we learned that people wanted to take action, and they wanted to take risks, when they knew they had outside support. I think this has also been the case in detention center organizing. The Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma has a

lot of examples of repeat hunger strikes, with some success having their demands met. There have also been major lawsuit victories, although those strategies didn't work in other circuit courts like they did in the Pacific Northwest. But the general strategy and concept is still useful, of coordinating together and having prisoners lead the way on litigation efforts, as we did in our campaign against the Letcher County prison in Kentucky, by using the environmental review process to engage people directly in prison.

So those are some of the lessons off the top of my head, which might be relevant for what comes next. But realistically, I think we're going to see a couple years where internment or concentration camps in this country are filled up by the thousands, tens of thousands, maybe a hundred thousand people. How we communicate with and keep track of those people is crucial.

We should also look to the experience of organizing efforts in ICE detention under Obama. There's a documentary I recommend everyone check out, called The Infiltrators. It's about an organizing effort that people may not have heard of, or maybe haven't thought of in a while, about young undocumented activists who intentionally got themselves arrested with the goal of organizing inside detention centers—in this case, the Broward Detention Center in Florida. At the time, they knew that their low-priority cases gave them a really good shot of getting out relatively quickly, so the idea was to get inside and organize people, take down names and names of family members, and create support campaigns for as many folks as possible. This elevated the level of pressure, by identifying people and their stories and then figuring out technical entry points to campaign for those people to get out, based on medical conditions or other factors.

So looking back at that case, and others like it, where people used those kinds of tactics for inside/outside organizing, would be a good thing to do in this moment, while we're watching all this infrastructure be built. We know

panther.

Aside from that, the Everglades provides major water purification and flood control for the surrounding region, which supports millions of people. The area is also home to descendants of a resistance movement famous for kicking the U.S. government's ass in the longest, costliest, and bloodiest of all the "Indian Wars" waged by the murderous psychos behind Manifest Destiny. That conflict is considered a precursor to the U.S. Civil War, because the Florida swamps also served as a refuge for Africans escaping slavery, who established Maroon communities there and integrated into some of the native tribes. The empire invested millions into the war because it knew that the alternative would be to watch a global slave revolt spread north from the Caribbean, as Haiti had demonstrated was possible only a few decades earlier.

Many Seminole and Miccosukee were forcibly displaced in the Trail of Tears and resettled in Oklahoma, but hundreds survived by staying in the swamps, where soldiers were scared to go. Some of the families never opted into the 1957 and 1962 formation of federally recognized Tribes, instead retaining their earlier claims to ancestral lands. This is why it's such a huge deal to see native youth standing side by side with "immigrants" (people native to other parts of the continent and islands) and refugees descended from African slave revolts more than 200 years ago, holding signs saying "What Would Osceola Do?"¹

MG: *Two weeks ago, the Center for Biological Diversity and Friends of the Everglades filed a lawsuit to stop construction of the facility. What is the status of that lawsuit?*

PS: The lawsuit asks for an injunction until there are environmental reviews of the project's impacts, per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. This concentration camp—or internment prison, however you want to view it—was thrown together in a matter of weeks, using the same sort of

exceptions that allowed for the construction of walls through sensitive desert habitats and traditional Indigenous lands along the southern border. It's reminiscent of what Arizona's governor did with the [rogue junk wall of shipping containers](#) a few years ago (which the Center for Biological Diversity also sued over). In that case, a combination of direct action and legal challenges forced the federal government to uphold its own laws and take the wall down. This time, the feds are cheering it on. And they're promising to pop up more of these prison camps all over the country. The court should rule on the injunction as early as this week.

MG: *How else are people resisting efforts to turn the Everglades into a militarized site of mass detention and deportation? What communities are on the frontlines of this struggle?*

PS: We're seeing organized communities from surrounding areas showing up in large numbers, especially youth. This includes people from Immokalee—home to the famous [Coalition of Immokalee Workers](#) alliance—as well as folks from rural towns like Palmdale, where residents, with the support of groups like Earthjustice, Sierra Club, Earth First!, and other organizations, have a legacy of fighting and winning land-use battles in recent decades, like the fight to access and protect Fisheating Creek.

Urban immigrant youth from Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Lake Worth, Fort Myers, and Naples are also coming out, along with hydrologists, biologists, and other scientists who have worked on protecting the watershed and its biodiversity. Notorious nature photographer (and neighbor to the site) Clyde Butcher has been out there, and the hook-and-bullet crowd of conservation sportsmen who want access to Big Cypress are raising hell too. They don't want stadium lighting and traffic fucking up their hunting and fishing spots. Obviously there are some differences in priorities, but people on the ground are hashing them out together, working through them. There is incredible potential in

that.

MG: *What is the campaign to [Fight Toxic Prisons](#) (FTP)? How are prisons connected to issues of ecology and human health?*

PS: I've been researching, writing and organizing at that intersection a lot over the past ten years. Thanks to the work of activists, academics, prisoners and their families, we have [a significant body of work](#) drawing these connections.

Prisons have the 24/7 pollution output of a small town, packed into a factory complex. On top of that, the populations inside are vulnerable to some of the worst impacts of climate and environmental injustice. People are literally trapped in cages while [toxic floodwaters rise](#). Just to the north, in Manatee County, a few years ago prisoners were [stuck in the flood zone of a phosphate mine-waste disaster](#). In Florida, prison labor is used to clean up after red tides and the toxic aftermaths of hurricanes.

In prisons across the country, people experience mental and physical health impacts from indoor environmental conditions unique to incarceration, including mold outbreaks, arsenic and radon exposure, Legionnaires disease, Valley Fever, sewage leaks... In a case I studied, a prisoner in Michigan documented a rare blood poisoning condition connected to prolonged exposure to methane from a sewage leak near his cell. A lot of us, I think, have either lived in houses or know people who lived in houses with indoor pollution, like black mold. But people don't generally think about what it would be like to be stuck in a room full of black mold, with nowhere to go.

Everything in prison is just incredibly intensified. Take extreme heat. Some people might think that not having air conditioning is, like, a first world problem. But try going without air conditioning when you can't get out of the building. In states like Florida and Texas, where prisons don't have air conditioning, people are getting sick or dying from the heat.

MG: *The day after Trump opened the Everglades detention camp, it*

allow time to pass. They promise meetings and when there are, they arrive late and leave quickly and lose files and confuse the telephone numbers of predators but expose the victims and revictimize them. It is a constant, permanent institutional violence that is backed by another institution, which says that it protects human rights, but that they are a conclave, a sect, and a society that covers up and only protects their interests. And if you dare to speak, to say what you know, then they gather the media and give free rein to their lies and the entire media, with honorable exceptions, repeats what they have been given to repeat.

I say that I cannot speak. *Whoever has eyes let them see, and whoever has ears let them hear, and whoever wants to understand let them understand.*

Mirtha Luz Pérez Robledo

The mother, the woman, the citizen.

They can kill us, but they can never destroy us.

July 2025

Announcing the Third Annual Sacramento Anarchist Bookfair!
July 29, 2025

Announcing the third annual Sacramento Anarchist Bookfair on Saturday, October 11th. For more updates, [go here](#).

On occupied Miwok and Nisenan territory, we invite you to join us in so-called Sacramento on Saturday, October 11th, for the 3rd annual Sacramento Anarchist Bookfair. The event will feature tabling by publishers, projects, organizations, and distros along with panels, discussions, and hands on workshops. Doors will open at 10 AM and the event will go until around 7 PM.

The event will take place this year at the Flower Fist Art Market, located at 1819 E st, in Downtown Sacramento.

Panels, Workshops and Keynote Speakers

The bookfair this year will feature:

- Hands on skillshares.
- A community discussion on mutual aid organizing in the face of rising fascism and capitalist crisis.
- Workshops and presentations from a range of organizers, presenters, and authors on a variety of topics. Stay tuned for a full schedule and be sure to follow the [Sacramento Anarchist Bookfair](#) for updates.
- Panel discussions on anti-ICE organizing, sustaining autonomous projects, and more.

The bookfair will also feature several talks by published authors including:

- Former political prisoner **Eric King**, who will be returning to the Sacramento Anarchist Bookfair to discuss his new book, [A Clean Hell: Anarchy and Abolition in America's Most Notorious Dungeon](#), about his fight for survival inside the notorious ADX "super-max" prison and how this experience can inform abolitionist organizing in a period of escalating repression.

- **Dani Burlison** and **Margaret Elysia Garcia**, editors of the new book [Red Flag Warning: Mutual Aid and Survival in California's Fire Country](#), will discuss mutual aid and community care from a grassroots perspective, highlighting organizing projects related to climate catastrophes primarily in rural Northern California.

- Our keynote speakers, **JoNina** and **Lorenzo Ervin**, are both long-time revolutionary organizers, former members of the Black Panther party, and co-founders of the Black Autonomy Federation. JoNina

Ervin is a former editor of the Black Panther Party newspaper and is the author of the new book, [Driven by the Movement: Reports from the Black Power Era](#). Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin is a former political prisoner and is the author of [Anarchism and the Black Revolution](#). JoNina and Lorenzo will speak about lessons from liberatory social movements of the past and how they can inform our struggles for freedom and autonomy today.

Looking to Table?

Looking to table at the Sacramento Anarchist Bookfair? We invite anarchist and autonomous anti-capitalist and anti-colonial projects, organizations, publishers, and distros to email us at: sacabf@proton.me. We are asking that tablers help out with a donation to help pay for the space, but no project will be turned away for lack of funds.

Space may be limited - so contact us as soon as possible!

About the Space: Accessibility, Masking & Beyond

The event will take place at the Flower Fist Art Market, located at 1819 E st, and which has just moved into a new space in Downtown Sacramento.

Like previous years, masking at the bookfair is mandatory. Upon entry, we will have free N95 masks, COVID tests, and hand sanitizer, with air purifiers and fans running throughout the venue.

We will also have a chill outdoor area to rest and hydrate, along with a space for children and parents. Both inside and outside spaces are wheelchair accessible. Food trucks will be available for those looking for food. Gender neutral bathrooms are also at the space. Free parking is available around Flower Fist.

Follow Us on Instagram!

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Help promote the event by sharing this image online and telling people about the bookfair!

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See you in October!

Defenders of the Forest — A Film Five Years in the Making about Indigenous Resistance to Colonial Logging in So-Called Quebec

July 28, 2025

Amplifier Films reports on their recent coverage on indigenous struggles against logging and their new film project, *Defenders of the Forest*.

It's no secret that Indigenous people are on the front lines of the fight against environmental destruction and climate change. This is why I've dedicated so much of my time to amplifying their struggles—because, beyond the efforts of NGOs (most NGOs, in my experience, are fairly ineffective at stopping the destruction), Indigenous land defenders have the deepest stake in this fight. They know exactly why they're resisting: for the land, for future generations, for their children and grandchildren. This vision, rooted in long-term care and connection to the land, is what drives them to fight like hell.

This summer has taken us across

territories, from the legendary site of resistance at **Kanehsatake**, to the newly christened **Camp Sovereignty** at kilometre 133 on the Chemin Parent. There, **Nehirowisiw** territory chief **Robert Echaquan**, alongside his family and supporters, has stopped logging operations. They're now preparing a second blockade to pressure the Quebec government to recognize their sovereignty and reach a just agreement over forest management.

We also visited powerful train blockades in **Wemotaci** and **Mashteuiatsh**, where defenders stopped forest products and raw logs from moving through their territories—part of the growing resistance to **Bill 97** and the wider colonial forestry regime in so-called Quebec.



From this frontline work, we're creating a new film: *Defenders of the Forest* (<https://amplifierfilms.ca/forest>), a grassroots documentary five years in the making. We began filming in the winter of 2021, as this movement was being born—right in the middle of the pandemic—and while I was also working on *Yintah*. Now, we're in the final push. The film is being made in close collaboration with **Nehirowisiw (Atikamekw)** and **Innu** land defenders, and will be released freely online between mid-September and early October to support organizing, screenings, and community-led fundraising.

We've also documented a powerful conversation for our upcoming project *A Red Road to the West Bank*. **Rehab Nazzal**, a Palestinian artist who hosted **Clifton** during his 2016 visit to the West Bank, was able to leave Palestine during a rare window when airspace opened. We brought her to **Kanehsatake**, where she met with **Clifton** and Mohawk land defender **Ellen Gabriel** for an

interwoven, anti-colonial dialogue linking struggles from Turtle Island to Palestine.

We're now urgently seeking **\$5,000 USD** to complete post-production on *Defenders of the Forest* editing, sound, color, and fuel for travel. Thanks to a U.S.-based fiscal sponsor, **tax-deductible donations of \$5,000 or more** are now possible. If you or someone you know can give at that level, [please contact us directly](#)—it would allow us to focus on the essential filmmaking, rather than constantly chasing \$20 here and \$30 there (though we're grateful for those too!).

Final Straw: Dani Burlison on Mutual Aid in California's Fire Country

July 28, 2025

Long-running anarchist radio show and podcast *The Final Straws* speaks with **Dani Burlison**, one of the editors behind *Red Flag Warning: Mutual Aid and Survival in California's Fire Country*.

This week, we're sharing this a chat with my friend, **Dani Burlison** on her recent book, *Red Flag Warning: Mutual Aid and Survival in California's Fire Country*. We speak about fire ecology, housing pressures and mutual aid in the wake of natural (and human caused) disaster. Check the show notes for links to a few projects mentioned. You can find more of Dani's writings at DaniBurlison.com/, books listed [here](#), and more by **Caw** at CawShinyThings.com

- [Transcript](#)
- [PDF \(Unimposed\)](#)
- [Zine \(Imposed PDF\)](#)

Northern CA projects mentioned:

- [Undocufund](#)
- [North Bay Jobs With Justice](#)
- [North Bay Organizing Project](#)
- [North Bay Rapid Response](#)
- [Legal Aid of Sonoma County](#)
- [Forestry and Fire Recruitment program](#)

save the UNCA woods, 45 acres in Asheville's Five Points neighborhood from destruction by the university in a scheme to build a 5,000 seat soccer stadium, market rate housing and retail spaces. You can learn more at www.SaveUNCAWoods.org.

The Dugout: What To Do If You Can't Protest: On Organizing Beyond The Frontlines

July 10, 2025

The Dugout looks at ways to organize beyond street demonstrations.

Not everyone can be on the frontlines — and that's okay. In this video, I share real, grounded ways to stay politically active when protesting isn't an option. From mutual aid and jail support to scouting, media-making, and hosting communal dinners, these are essential roles that keep movements alive. Whether you're burned out, undocumented, disabled, or just need a different lane — this video is for you.

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Panagioti Tsolkas on Alligator Alcatraz and the Fight Against Toxic Prisons

July 10, 2025

Max Granger speaks with long-time abolitionist organizer **Panagioti Tsolkas** about **Alligator Alcatraz**, an ICE concentration camp in the Florida Everglades. Originally posted to [Writing on the Wall](#).

By now, you've probably heard of Trump's latest white-terror marketing campaign: the ICE concentration camp hastily erected in Florida's Everglades and officially dubbed Alligator Alcatraz. The \$450-million ad-hoc prison opened last Tuesday, flooded on Wednesday, and began receiving detainees on Thursday. It consists of chain-link cages and FEMA trailers surrounded by more chain-link and razor wire, and is located about 45 miles west of downtown Miami, in the middle of a vast swamp. According to officials, the camp's current capacity is 3,000 and [will expand](#) to 5,000 in the coming days.

Testimonies from detainees are [already emerging](#), and the conditions they describe are as horrifying as they are predictable:

"They only brought a meal once a day and it had maggots. They never take off the lights for 24 hours... We're like rats in an experiment... I don't know their motive for doing this, if it's a form of torture. A lot of us have our residency documents and we don't understand why we're here" - **Leamsy La Figura**, Cuban reggaeton artist and a detainee at Alligator Alcatraz.

A few hundred miles to the north, Florida is preparing to break ground on a [second detention center](#) at Camp Blanding, a National Guard base, with construction set to start this week. Meanwhile, Congress just passed a sweeping immigration and border enforcement budget with the aim of massively ramping up deportations, while Trump continues to send masked ICE gestapo and their military escorts into cities across the country (including 200 Marines just deployed to Florida) and [Republican governors compete](#) in the reality TV show known as the news for who gets to stage the next concentration camp *Schadenfreude* show.

To discuss the deeper context of this madness, the intersections of prisons, ecology, and human health, and lessons learned from past campaigns to stop, shut down, and improve conditions inside prisons and detention centers, I spoke with **Panagioti Tsolkas**, co-founder of [Fight Toxic Prisons](#) and Everglades Earth First!, a former editor at [Prison Legal News](#) and the [Earth First! Journal](#), and a former staff organizer with the Florida Immigrant Coalition and the Center for Biological Diversity.

The following conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

Max Granger: *What do you know about the new ICE concentration camp in the Everglades and the area where it's located?*

Panagioti Tsolkas: In the late 1960s, officials in Dade County envisioned a massive airport in the Everglades, at the same site as the new detention camp. The original plan included six runways, covering 39 square miles. It would have been five times the size of JFK Airport, but in 1970, after only one runway was built, environmentalist and Indigenous opposition halted further construction. That fight led to the creation of Big Cypress National Preserve, adjacent to Everglades National Park, which was established as the country's first national preserve in October 1974.

The Everglades was also the first national park in the U.S. created primarily to protect biodiversity. It was established in 1947 specifically to preserve the unique subtropical ecosystem, representing a shift from protecting places only for their scenic landscapes and tourism value. That said, it's still epic as hell out there. If you can get a few feet off the ground, you can see for miles, like you're standing on a mountain peak. It's a vast wetland, with a mix of freshwater and saltwater, including sawgrass marshes, mangrove forests, and tropical hardwood hammocks. It's also home to a vast diversity of species, including many that are endangered or threatened, including the last big cat roaming east of the Mississippi: the Florida

prison strikes ever, in [2016](#) and [2018](#), both of which occurred mainly in the so-called United States but [inspired solidarity actions](#) by those locked up in [territories dominated by other governments](#).

What We're Doing

The IWOC Conference, held annually since before Covid with two years missed due to the pandemic, is a temporary organizing and relationship building space that allows attendees to learn, engage and grow with one another as we focus on the specific intersection of imprisonment and labor exploitation, and on direct solidarity with the most impacted (imprisoned people). This is something very, very few other organizations do.

There are a few things that make IWOC different, but not necessarily more or less valuable, than other abolitionist organizations. Here are some of those differences:

- We are a union for prisoners, and our incarcerated members are full members of the IWW. No other union in the U.S. does this.
- We focus on labor and profit as levers for change in the hands of those most impacted, rather than focusing on "proper channels."
- We do not engage in electoral politics, or support politicians, ever.

How This Money Will Be Spent

This money will be spent on the following things, in this order of importance:

- Lodging for attendees of the conference
- Travel funds for attendees of the conference
- Accessibility features and food for the conference
- If any is left over after this, general IWOC use

Possible Questions

Answered

Who is coming?: If this fundraiser goes well, we are hoping to fund the attendance of formerly incarcerated members, family members of currently incarcerated members, interested IWW members, interested members of other unions, and relevant organizers & advocates for total emancipation from across the so-called U.S. and, ideally, other places too.

Why does an in-person conference matter?: We have many productive virtual meetings throughout the year. Our annual conference is a very meaningful experience for all attendees, but especially those who have suffered at the hands of criminal-legal systems the most. The same depth of meaning, learning, communication, relationship building and camaraderie is simply not possible through virtual events.

Is this a conference that prioritizes the most impacted?: Yes. Many formerly incarcerated members attend, and we typically make time for currently incarcerated members to call in and engage.

Can I come?: Maybe! Email us at [email redacted] and let's talk about it. Of course, funds are limited, hence the fundraiser, so no promises. Also, even if you can fund your own way there, we reserve the right to decide who attends our conference and who does not.

Are you tax-deductible?: No. You're either about it or you're about your bag.

Final Straw: DFW Support Committee, A Better World Bookfair + Save The UNCA Woods
July 14, 2025

Long-running anarchist radio and podcast show the *Final Straw* features several interviews with local organizers and a segment from anarchist prisoner, Sean Swain.

This week on the podcast, we're featuring three segments. First up, A member of DFW Support Committee, then organizers of the A Better World Bookfair in Waynesboro, VA and finally, organizers working to save the UNCA woods.

DFW Support Committee

First up, you'll hear a member of the DFW Support Committee supporting the defendants arrested on and around July 4th in relation to a solidarity noise demonstration outside the Prairieland ICE Detention Facility in Alvarado, Texas, in which a local police officer was injured. We speak about the case, the expanding web of repression against leftists in the area, what's at stake in the case and how to support the 11 defendants.

You can reach them at dfwsupportcommittee@hacari.com and you can donate at <https://www.givesendgo.com/supp> and here's a [zine](#) of info put out thus far by DFW Support Committee. More [info on support here](#).

A Better World Book Fair

Next, you'll hear Beet and Mad Dog, two anarchists organizing the upcoming A Better World Bookfair in Waynesboro, VA on Saturday, July 26th. We talk about the bookfair and taking space in rural locales as leftists and strengthening our bonds amidst the rise of the right under Trump 2.0.

- Website/RSVP form: <https://linktr.ee/shenandoahlil>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sl>
- Email inquiries to: abetterworldbookfair@protonn

Save The UNCA Woods

Then, you'll hear Callie and Heather of Friends of the Woods talking about their campaign to

Southern CA projects mentioned:

- [Pasadena Community Job Center](#)
- [Los Angeles Mask Bloc](#)

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Your Guide on How to Support Mutual Aid Groups in Palestine as Humanitarian Crisis Deepens

July 25, 2025

As we speak, up to [two million people in Gaza are being threatened with starvation](#), as the state of Israel, backed by the US government, [continues to blockade humanitarian aid into Gaza, attack basic infrastructure, and brutally murder Palestinians at aid distribution sites](#). Moreover, Israeli officials continue to push for [open ethnic-cleansing of Palestine](#), all with [continued military support from the United States](#).

As [Al-Jazeera](#) reported:

Tonnes of food, clean water, medical supplies and other items sit untouched just outside Gaza as humanitarian organisations are blocked from accessing or delivering them by Israel.

Ten new deaths linked to famine and malnutrition have been recorded during the past 24 hours by hospitals in the Gaza Strip, according to the Ministry of Health. The grim count brings the total number of people starved to death in the territory to 111, the ministry's statement said.

In recent weeks, more than 1,000 desperate people have been killed trying to reach food, mostly in mass shootings by Israeli soldiers posted near GHF distribution centres, according to the United Nations...Israel, which controls all supplies, food, medicine and fuel entering Gaza, has imposed a punishing blockade for months... Medical personnel and journalists continue to work under intensive duress, worsened by their own

hunger.

Genocide and forced starvation of Palestinians is happening right before our eyes. As [Mondoweiss](#) recently reported, "Among the most affected are newborn children who have no means of feeding. Mothers are unable to breastfeed due to malnutrition, which makes it difficult to produce milk." [The Guardian](#) also noted, "Rates of severe malnutrition among children aged under five at Médecins Sans Frontières' Gaza City clinic have tripled in the last two weeks, the charity has said, as starvation in the Israeli-besieged strip worsens."

Watching the news coming out of Gaza can make many feel powerless, but we all can help rally in solidarity with groups on the ground who are working non-stop to create life-lines with those living through the brutal occupation. Listed below, are direct ways that people can help mutual aid groups on the ground - both by donating to them and spreading the word about the work that they are doing. Donations and support are direct ways we can help those attempting to survive an active genocide. Mutual aid groups listed below also are posting constant updates about their work, showcasing how solidarity from across the world manifests in the creation of life-saving infrastructure and the meeting of direct needs.

Our hope is that people will take the initiative and organize benefit events and show solidarity with these mutual aid projects. By building up our capacity to extent material solidarity, we can all help those directly impacted.

The Sanabel Team



The Sanabel Team is "a Palestinian-led mutual aid team providing support in Gaza since 2018." The

group distributes cash aid, cooks hot meals which they distribute daily, brings in water trucks, distributes basic necessities like diapers and formula for infants, and works to provide items like tents and tarps to those displaced by the ongoing occupation. They post constant updates on their work on Instagram and are involved in a wide variety of projects in multiple areas.



SOURCE: The Sanabel Team

About:

This team all started with Osama; an activist from Gaza that began in his small city of Khan Younis, helping families in need. These community-based efforts has expanded since 2018, serving thousands of Palestinians from funding education, feeding many families, and proving necessities over the years.

Our mission is to continue providing direct aid that's available on the ground, to families during this time. Funds will go towards necessities like food, water, and building materials for shelter when available. Life rebuilding will be in the next phase. We thank you for your ongoing support friends!

Every day we remain steadfast, every action we take is a step towards a brighter future for the families we have been supporting in Gaza since 2018. Together, we create a ripple effect that nourishes not just bodies, but souls. Our commitment to making a difference in our community is unwavering.

IG: <https://www.instagram.com/th>

Web: <https://www.thesanabelteam.com/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/>

The Sadaqah Team

A mutual aid initiative on the ground in Gaza and Lebanon.



SOURCE: The Sadaqah Team

About:

Our initiative depends completely on the generosity of people like you. Every donation we receive helps us reach more communities who urgently need support. The situation in Gaza and Lebanon is heartbreaking. With so little international aid getting through, people are struggling for even the basics. Together, though, we can make a difference, providing some relief and hope in these devastating times.

IG: <https://www.instagram.com/th>

PayPal: <https://www.paypal.com/p>

Gaza Food Relief Project

Mutual aid project organized by two-brothers on the ground in Gaza.



IG: <https://www.instagram.com/ga>

Chuffed: <https://chuffed.org/project/gaza-food-relief-project-by->

[mohammed-ayyad](#)

GoFundMe: <https://www.gofundr.org/Food-Relief-Project-By-Mohammed-Ayyad>

PayPal: https://www.paypal.com/d/hosted-button_id=5UM6RDCWC6SWyX7CslmxbQxcoQhv2KQjRFGI4UZ8JQ-USDw

Operation Olive Branch

Mutual aid initiative supporting communities on the ground.

About:

Operation Olive Branch is a volunteer-powered grassroots collective effort to connect with and amplify Palestinian voices in an effort to support their critical needs, which include but are not limited to their mutual aid requests. Our solidarity initiative is steered by a diverse core council of global advocates including Palestinian and Jewish voices.

We strive to verify the fundraising efforts of families, as well as our medical partners, to best support them to navigate the challenges of social media and fundraising.

Please find a list of our **“verified”** families and medical aid partners here: [Verified Families & Mutual Aid](#)

We quickly identified over a hundred families who required urgent perinatal care and support during pregnancy, birth and postpartum. Faced with malnutrition, lack of food, clean water and limited access to medical support, families are experiencing severe perinatal medical complications.

GoFundMe: <https://www.gofundr.org/>

Gaza Mutual Aid Collective

Mutual aid group providing on the ground support in Gaza through hot meals and direct support.



SOURCE: GMAC

About:

GMAC is a grassroots collective committed to monetarily helping the people of Gaza, whose quality of life has been progressively deteriorating for almost two decades by the colonial air, land, and sea blockade and siege by the Zionist occupation.

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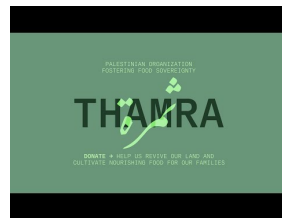
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Thamra

Group in Palestine promoting food sovereignty, food distribution, and restoration of the land.



About:

A Palestinian organization fostering food sovereignty. Working to achieve self-sufficiency and restore our land. We invite you to support a vital agricultural project that is bringing life back to the land, following the destruction of the occupation and the famine its people are enduring.

IG: <https://www.instagram.com/th>

GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/77>

Guatemala, Mexico, and Venezuela, where we come weaving with needle and thread the questions that keep our trajectories and journeys in motion, with practices that arise from the discomfort with punitive Patriarchal Justice and the network of violences it brings together: the appropriation and exploitation of bodies, territories, and knowledges in order to generate privileges and the accumulation of wealth.

The resurgence of extreme right-wing discourses significantly impacts our feminist and anti-carceral practices, intensifying state violence, criminalization, and paramilitary territorial control. This fascist wave is not only rhetorical: it translates into punitive policies, repression of social protest, and an ever-tightening siege on bodies, communities, and territories. Faced with this panorama, our responses affirm themselves through mutual care, alliances among organizations, and collective resistance.

In these times when genocide is justified in the name of security, and militarism in the name of peace, it is ever more urgent to fight to unveil the disguises of the patriarchal and racist violences that are taking the lives of our Palestinian sisters and their people, as well as tormenting the peoples of Abya Yala and the world. This Network is on alert to disorient the norm and to displace the hegemony of those imaginaries, those that since their origins housed the consensus of slavery and exploitation (of women and dissidents, of Black and Indigenous, of the impoverished and dispossessed, of the neurodivergent and disabled). Our objective is to weave our militancy, sustained for years in our territories, to build together new political imaginaries that allow us to propose a feminist justice beyond the prisons and punitivisms of patriarchal States.

The Dugout: Inside Anarchism in Sudan, An Interview with Fawaz

July 14, 2025

The Dugout podcast speaks with Fawaz about the Sudanese anarchist

movement and beyond.



This week on *The Dugout*, we speak with Fawaz, a Sudanese anarchist organizer, about building resistance in the face of dictatorship, war, and repression. From organizing underground student circles after the 2018-2019 uprising to going public as anarchists in 2020, Fawaz shares how youth movements in Sudan are rejecting military, religious, and tribal authoritarianism—and planting the seeds of mutual aid and collective care. We discuss the legacy of colonialism, the dangers of organizing under surveillance, and the everyday realities of fighting for freedom.

What does it mean to organize without hierarchy while under siege? How do revolutionary ideas take root when everything around you is collapsing?

Note: Due to ongoing internet blackouts in Sudan, this episode was recorded using limited tools—we worked with the best audio available.

A special thanks to Dr. Mohamad Abbou. Check out their Substack: <https://drmohamedabbou.substack>

This is the English and Arabic version with Fawaz's full audio.

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Sudan's Unfinished Democracy: The Promise and Betrayal of a People's Revolution by Willow Berridge, Justin Lynch, Raga

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Help IWOC Hold Their Annual Conference in Tough Times

July 14, 2025

Call from the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC) to support their upcoming annual conference. Support campaign fund, [here](#).

The Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC) of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) was created over ten years ago to help facilitate outside solidarity for organizing, strikes, and other actions for self-emancipation by people locked up in prisons and jails, who are treated as slaves. From humble but committed origins, we have helped support the two biggest (known)

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July 2025

Manifesto of the Feminist Anti-Carceral Network of Latin America

July 14, 2025

The following manifesto documents the formation, organization, politics, and methodologies of the Feminist Anti-Carceral Network of Latin America. Originally published in Spanish on *Desinformémonos*, it was translated by **Scott Campbell**.

Faced with the globalization of patriarchal and racist capitalism's fascist project of death, which has used penal states to criminalize poor and racialized populations, to destroy their communal fabric, and to enable the dispossession of their resources and territories, we decided to join our struggles and strategies of resistance together with the creation in 2020 of the Feminist Anti-Carceral Network of Latin America. While our primary spaces of resistance and community building are the women's prisons of the continent, our struggle is against the patriarchal penal States that function at the service of capital and that have historically used the force of law to facilitate and justify the exploitation and control of impoverished and racialized populations.

Although this politics of death was already being confronted locally by our organizations, it was in the context of the health and humanitarian crisis caused by the SARS COV 2 virus that we decided to unite our struggles. The pandemic revealed how the preexisting conditions of vulnerability and violence had differentiated and disproportionate impacts on certain groups, profoundly affecting women deprived of freedom. COVID 19 made plain the carceral crisis that has existed in Latin America for several decades, which our organizations have been

denouncing. The overcrowded conditions, the lack of health services, the punitive nature of the prison systems, the long pretrial detention processes, the lack of alternatives to incarceration all exploded in the face of the health crisis. This context gave us the possibility of not only making carceral violence visible, but to document and show how prisons are part of a broader apparatus of death that destroys communal fabrics and facilitates dispossession and the advance of capital.

Although each of our organizations carries out its work in different territories, under the control of different penal States, the violences we face have many similarities and come together in a civilizing project of death marked by militarism, of which prisons are one more link.

Our forms of resisting are not limited to denouncing punishment: we also weave ways of life that defy its logic. In spaces where confinement tries to impose silence and fracturing, we have planted workshops, embroidery, stories, performative actions, and various types of publications. These practices are not decorative nor secondary: they are methodologies of care and tools of transformation. From the outside and the inside towards the collective, we use art, popular education, and writing as political methods that restore humanity, activate memory, and project other possible futures.

At the same time, we question the fictions that sustain the penal system, such as social reinsertion that holds individually responsible people who were damaged by structures of exclusion. In the face of this, we build links that seek not to correct but to repair and accompany. We do this from a radical ethics of care, where politics is rooted in affect, in the body, in active listening, and in mutual support. This Network, the manifestation of territories and various knowledges, becomes a communal space to imagine that which does not yet exist, but that we all desire: justice without cages, without punishment, without forgetting.

In the dialogues held during these five years, we have collectively asked

ourselves about similarities and differences, about the characteristics of each torture that make up confinement, about the implications of punishment, about the executioner's weapons that transcend the prison grounds, about the wounds and scars that structural violences have left on our lives, those that have persisted on this continent for more than 500 years: violences of gender, class, and race that connect and combine in different forms.

But our questions do not end there. We also wondered how to create a log of tactics and strategies, of counter accomplishments, a record of affective actions, of mutual accompaniments, of (at)tending [*segundeo*] body to body, palm to palm, back to back, word to word when it comes to calling each other compañeres. We have also shared our strategies for the defense of life, inside and outside prison, as well as our ways of doing politics rooted in everyday resistance. How to leave tracks that testify to the experiences of the path traveled? How to make art, popular education, and writing living tools of our common ground? How to do it beyond the latitude and longitude of where we are, at different degrees of spatiality, but conscious of the transnational character of the problems faced?

All these questions arise from our common desire to reformulate the current conditions of life, collectively, without erasing the differences inscribed in our bodies and languages. We bet on the communitarian reparation of what punitive and patriarchal justice destroyed with viciousness. We always walk valuing and trying to learn from the experiences of all those who came before us on this long path of struggles. Mainly, we have learned and want to give continuity to the feminist and abolitionist theorizations and practices that speak of the need for the collective care of life.

This is a Network of feminist and transfeminist organizations that inhabit Abya Yala with diversity and the challenge of articulating our multiple perspectives. Here we converge as collectives, organizations, and projects from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador,

The Sameer Project

Mutual aid project running various campaigns to provide direct support and aid in Gaza.

SOURCE: The Sameer Project

About:

Donations based initiative, led by Palestinians in the diaspora, working to supply aid to displaced families in Gaza.

IG: <https://www.instagram.com/th>

LinkTree: <https://linktr.ee/thesameer>

Butterfly Effect Project

Group that verifies mutual aid requests on the ground in Gaza, and links those hoping to donate to those in need of support.

About:

We are an international team of dedicated volunteers united by a common mission: to amplify the voices of the oppressed and support war victims, with a particular focus on the people of Palestine - Gaza. Our primary mission is to share their stories on social media, ensuring their experiences and struggles reach a global audience.

In addition to amplifying voices, we provide immediate on-the-ground relief, meeting the urgent needs of countless families affected by conflict. Our long-term commitment extends to advocacy and campaigning, where we work tirelessly to raise awareness and drive meaningful change.

Through our efforts, we aim to foster a more just and equitable world, giving a platform to those who have been marginalised and silenced.

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Big Beautiful Social War: Six Months Into Trump 2.0

July 24, 2025

On this episode of *The Beautiful Idea*, we speak with several authors and organizers, marking six months into the second Trump administration coming to power. During our multiple discussions, we look at the recent deployment of the military into Los Angeles, CA, the ramping up of ICE raids and arrests across the US, and the passing of the Republican so-called "Big Beautiful Bill," which earmarks billions for war and the deportation machine, while cutting taxes on the ultra-wealthy and corporations, and slashing social services, health-care, and food assistance for the poor. Already, which has led to [rural hospitals being threatened with closure](#) as [food banks struggle to keep up with demand](#).

In this episode you will hear from:

- [Silky Shaw](#), the executive director of the Detention Watch Network, and author of [Unbuild Walls: Why Immigrant Justice Needs Abolition](#), from Haymarket Books. Shaw talks about the rapid acceleration of deportations under Trump and the construction of new detention facilities, such as the newly built concentration camp, Alligator Alcatraz.
- [Jessica Pishko](#), author of [The Highest Law in the Land: How the Unchecked Power of Sheriffs Threatens Democracy](#), breaks down the interplay between police and ICE, as well as the brutal violence deployed by law enforcement during recent demonstrations in Los Angeles.
- [Kristian Williams](#), author of [Our Enemies and Blue: Police and Power in America](#), takes on the role of counter-insurgency in the Trump administration, the weaponization of fascist spectacle, and the growth of

conspiracy theories within protest movements.

- [Vicky Osterweil](#), author of [In Defense of Looting](#) and a member of [Collective of Anarchist Writers \(CAW\)](#), breaks down the recently passed Republican budget bill, and talks about its potential impact in our communities and ways in which we can push back.

As anger continues to build in the streets, we hope this discussion shines a light on the contours and context of the building social war being waged against poor and working people across the US.

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Filastine & Nova - [Requiem 432](#)

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Community Packs Court in Support of 'Frederick Four' in Maryland

July 22, 2025

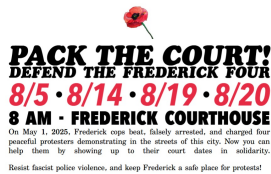
Report back on community mobilization in support of the 'Frederick Four,' who were violently arrested on May Day. For more information, [go here](#).

After two months of [fundraising and general outreach by the Frederick After Party Care team](#), the time had come for the Frederick Four to make their first court appearance. The court hearing was set for July 3rd at 8:30am and supporters began to gather out front of Frederick Social around 7:30. Supporters wore black and passed around red flowers on hair clips and pins to add to their outfits. By 7:50, around fifty people slowly entered the Frederick courthouse. Once everyone was through security, they started to ascend to the building's third floor.

When everyone was finally gathered outside of the courtroom and the last latecomers arrived, the crowd numbered about 65 people strong.

It was hard to miss the amount of Frederick Police that also inhabited the semi-crowded space as they brushed by supporters. Someone told me they overheard a conversation between two cops mumbling, “This is our space...” seemingly disapproving of the mass show of support.

The crowd waited now past 8:30, as people and police shuffled in and out of the courtroom. I had to turn my phone off before entering, but if I had to guess, everyone was allowed to enter at around 9am. Some were seated in the very limited bench seats, while the rest lined the perimeter of the room. The presiding Judge was Judge Dino E. Flores, who didn't seem moved by the packing, from what I could tell.



Those who were visibly affected by the group were the Frederick police, who stood at the sides and the entrance of the room, as if anticipating some sort of outburst or protest. This, however, never happened, as the purpose of packing the court is to show support for the Frederick Four. That support was overwhelmingly clear. When court finally started, each defendant was called up with their lawyer, and each time the prosecutor just copied and pasted her words, which were that “13.8 gigabytes of drone footage” was sent to the defendants that morning and it was yet to be reviewed.

After that back-and-forth, the judge would postpone each case until the defense had a chance to view this evidence. Everyone is eagerly awaiting a new court date now. It's important to note that one of the Frederick Four had to reschedule their court date due to their lawyer being out of the country and that new date is August 5th at Frederick courthouse at 8am.

Despite only being in the court room for about 10 minutes, the

large community response seemed effective and was a great way to show support. When court let out everyone gathered at Mullinix Park for a community cook out which was attended by supporters and park-goers. The Frederick After Party Care team has an update on their fundraising site thanking everyone and emphasizing that this is just the beginning and how invaluable the community support continues to be.

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Community Defense Against ICE: An Interview with a Member of the Tucson Rapid Response Network July 22, 2025

Living and Fighting speaks with a member of Tucson Community Rapid Response Network

Over the last seven months, the Trump administration has taken sweeping measures to further detain, deport, and destroy the lives of immigrants. It's an effort that has resulted not just in the bombastic cruelty of sending hundreds of detainees to a notorious El Salvador prison or building a detention center in the alligator-and python-infested swamplands of Florida, but also in a steep increase in immigrations arrests across the country (in Arizona, they're up 113% since the inauguration). In June, in response to a government call for and subsequent spike in Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids and kidnappings, the people of Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, Austin, Tucson, and other cities across the country protested and rioted on behalf of themselves and their families, friends, and neighbors. Despite the fierce commitment and bravery of those in the streets, the government's mass deportation efforts are likely to only accelerate. As we seek ways to respond to these ongoing threats, we can look to—among other examples—rapid response networks, which have long existed in cities across the country, including Tucson.

What follows is an interview conducted by Living & Fighting with a member of the Tucson Community Rapid Response Network. In this interview, they discuss the history the network, what it's accomplished and the challenges it's faced, and what principled community response to deportations could look like in the coming months and years.

Living and Fighting: *What is the Rapid Response Network? What does the group do?*

Tucson Community Rapid Response Network: The Tucson Community Rapid Response Network is a group of people who meet regularly to maintain a rapid response hotline and recruit people as observers. The hotline is for immigration enforcement activity that is known to be happening in Tucson. And the idea is that if somebody is being targeted by Border Patrol or ICE and they're worried about being detained, or if somebody witnesses Border Patrol or ICE harassing, detaining, or otherwise doing immigration enforcement in Tucson, they can call the hotline. An alert goes out to a list of trusted, vetted observers and the observers go out to be a supportive presence for whoever is being targeted in the community. And then the person who is being targeted by ICE or Border Patrol can have somebody on their side present with them on what might be a day that is drastically affecting their life. Maybe one of the worst days of their lives if they're going to be detained or harassed or basically any of the things that Border Patrol and ICE does.

Observers document what Border Patrol and ICE are doing by filming it, taking notes about it, photographing it. They can do a quick exchange of information with the person who is being targeted. That might mean helping them remember or know what some of their legal rights are. It might be trying to connect them with somebody else by asking, “Hey, do you want me to call someone for you? If you are detained, do you want me to take down your name and date of birth so that we can track you once you get inside?”

supremacy, led to the murder of eleven Jews belonging to three different shuls in Pittsburgh.

As a friend observed, it's hard to feel anything but rage on this 2024 *jahrzeit*. It's difficult to understand how so much organizing, community self-defense, and mutual aid six years ago could bring us to this place, where things are so much worse.

This place, on this anniversary, is a public park. It isn't the first time many of us have come here to rebelliously mourn. So we gravitated to a familiar corner by what we've dubbed the “weeping tree” because of similar rituals here before.

We stretched string between our tree and another, then hung a banner with the words “Kaddish to Counter Fascism” and two poppies painted in red. We torn strips of fabric and wrote the blessed names of our dead on them, tying them on the string. On the ground below, we laid out an altar of tea candles and antifascist zines by Jews and Muslims, using acorns to hold the paper, and sprinkled rose petals. Someone added pieces of a broken plate, and someone else a cake. We sang, communed, and opened up, speaking aloud our grief as the sky darkened.

I learned that this park is a block from where one of the eleven worked as a beloved doctor, and that everyone who came had some relation to these dead — including the medics and security-minded folks who were there “just in case.” After all, things are worse; publicly grieving as antifascists increasingly involves risk and bravery. Our sacred spaces, even if ephemeral, are where we rededicate ourselves to fighting the worsening ugliness and sharing in the beauty of our solidarity.

—Cindy Barukh Milstein

13.

Delaney Hall, located in Newark, New Jersey, is the largest migrant jail on the East Coast. It's operated by the private prison company Geo Group. Those held inside are constantly abused; the building is

physically unsafe; visitors and immigration lawyers have been denied entry for weeks; and meals are served frozen, and sometimes not at all.

On June 13, 2025, after going over twenty hours without food, about fifty incarcerated people banded together to smash through one of the prison walls. The guards fled, and soon, word got out that there was an uprising inside and a handful of detainees were able to escape.

Outside the detention center, crowds of everyday people—sick of seeing neighbors, friends, classmates, and families get kidnapped off the street—began to gather, using their bodies to prevent ICE from entering and exiting the facility. Throughout the evening, ICE vehicles were brought to a complete standstill, vans were forced to retreat back through the gates, and the driveway remained barricaded with roadway dividers and wooden planks. The mobilization—an act of tangible solidarity—diverted ICE personnel and disrupted the search for escaped detainees, if only for that one day.

The ability to show up on that June 13 built on far more “routine” but crucial work, done multiple times a week for months: hitting the streets and conducting outings to talk to people in busy neighborhoods, public parks, encampments of those who are unhoused, and apartment buildings as well as at transit hubs. Bringing along flyers, listening, and most important, forging relationships.

—Lisa

14.

Three days ago, one of my best friends was taken. In the first twenty-four hours, his name disappeared from the jail's system and didn't reappear until the next day.

As immigrants, we came here “for a better life,” but really it's because we have no other choice. Our home countries are destabilized, bled dry by the greed of capitalism. Often I hear people say, “If it's so hard

being an immigrant, why don't you go home?” but I don't know if I can or want to.

So what is there to do? I ask my friends who care so much about the land and water. Maybe we create our own worlds. Maybe we build collective homes and share the chores and figure out how to get through conflict together, and love each other so much that it stops mattering who is from here or there or anywhere.

I became a farmer because I wanted to help build these worlds. I love the feeling of dirt between my toes, and my body was built for hot days in the sun.

A friend and I made soup last week. We ate it on my back porch beneath a canopy of trees and rain, and he told me that the Appalachian Mountains are older than Saturn's rings. I pictured these beautiful ancient mountains gazing at this big old planet, marveling as it changed shape and form.

Today I'm going to plant more corn. It will grow so tall that no one will ever be able to find me. The leaves will wrap themselves around my body, and I will live off kernels until I am old. And just as Saturn grew rings, me and my people too will transform and become untraceable. Until this world accepts that the displaced will always find a way to survive.

—Mar

NOTE:

Everyday Antifascism is an act of love and solidarity—intended for everyone on the side of liberatory lives for all. Share this zine widely.

For other zines in this “series,” check out [Don't Just Do Nothing: 20 Things You Can Do to Counter Fascism](#) and [Anarchist Compass: 29 Offerings for Navigating Christofascism](#), and most recently, [Ritual as Resistance: 18 Stories of Defending the Sacred](#), all freely available at [ItsGoingDown.Org](#).

I extend my gratitude to printmaker Tara Murino-Brault for the cover artwork, titled “Resistance” and

If you want to join us, then OK, good, you're in! If you want to start a new autonomous cell, then OK, good do it! See you on the front lines (probably the veggie patch)!

All empires will rot!

All fascisms will whither!

All cops are brutal!

All cultivators are beautiful!

—Anarchist Gardeners Club

9.

The decision came back in United States v. Skrametti—the US Supreme Court case saying that it's fine for states to make it impossible for people under eighteen to access gender-affirming care. I know it's scary. It feels like something really important is being taken away from us by the government refusing to recognize and protect us.

The terror and dread can obscure something crucial, though: we've had a couple years of this lovely reprieve where sometimes, in some places, a person of any age can say, "I'm trans and here's what I need," and the care they need is made available. But this reprieve is very recent. Mostly, when we wanted to do stuff, we had to do it ourselves. The memory of when it was hard before is still alive. All the skills and networks, loopholes and intergenerational info sharing, and ways we show up for each other are still here too, already active or being reactivated.

The trans community is creative and resilient and crafty, and if you haven't already found ways to get what you need, those ways are growing all around as an antifascist response to these times. My therapist just told me that their teenager went to a punk show and came home with a year's supply of estrogen. I know hundreds of parents who will move heaven and earth to make sure their children can access what they need to access, and I know networks of thousands of queer and trans people all across this continent who are reaching out for your hand to say, "Hey, I love you, and I'm here for you. There's a story of the future that has you in

it."

—Andy Izenson

10.

My eyes were starting to glaze over when I heard a small crowd forming behind me.

"You see that shit in Paris?" one masked teen asked. "They took potatoes and smashed them into the street so the cops would slip and fall if they tried to rush the crowd."

"Yeah, so?" retorted another.

The kid dropped down and opened his backpack. "Yeah, well I brought a shit ton of potatoes!"

All it took was for a small black bloc cadre to start smashing unwashed russet potatoes into the driveway of the Portland, Oregon, ICE facility for others to join, creating a slimy, congealing mess on the concrete in front of a fortress already adorned with abolitionist graffiti and surrounded by what had at this point become a permanent encampment.

It delayed ICE as it sent out a heavily armed battalion of Border Patrol and Homeland Security officers, who brought brooms alongside their "less lethal" munitions so they could spend the better part of half an hour cleaning the entrance—after which a new round of mashed potatoes was delivered.

It was a small act, but no one came through the entrance while it happened, and it created a feedback loop: the more the crowd could do, the more likely people were to stay.

This isn't just here. In Los Angeles, groups have set up community self-defense hubs to maintain a constant presence to challenge ICE, and where people can receive and share mutual aid — like grocery or medication deliveries for those too afraid to leave their homes due to their immigration status. And there are noise demos at hotels where ICE agents are sleeping.

And this isn't just in LA. In New York City, people are organizing accompaniments for immigrants

who have to visit federal court facilities, which are now being regularly swept. They use these same networks to rapidly block ICE arrests, identify officers, and publicly shame them. In Chicago, a recent protest stopped immigration court, stalled ICE operations for the day, and de-arrested dozens of activists while clogging downtown.

Solidarity is a bet — and a long shot at that: that we gain more by relying on our communities than on the established institutions of state and capital. When all of civil society is under attack, solidarity may literally be all we have left. Practicing it together offers clarity: it's probably all we ever had. And when we do it, we'll do it with what we have, and what we can.

—Shane Burley

11.

On more than one occasion in occupied Palestine, amid clouds of US-made, Israeli-fired tear gas in an urban center or Israeli forces marauding through a small village, I've had to knock in panic on the door of a complete stranger's home, seeking safety. Invariably that door was opened and a haven was offered, despite the supposed gulfs of nationality or language. We both understood which side we were on, and that was cause enough for complicity. Be they an infirm elderly couple or parents with a house full of young children, they sheltered me, aware of the costs involved if their act was discovered. On the surface, we could exchange nothing more than basic pleasantries and gestures. Beneath that, there was a solidarity that needed no interpretation. In opening that door and letting me in, they risked far more than I did. They taught me we all play a role in the struggle with the tools that we have. Sometimes it's as simple as opening the door.

—Scott Campbell

12.

Six Gregorian calendar years ago, on October 27, 2018, the antisemitic "great replacement theory," shaped by fascism, xenophobia, and Xtian white

At the same time, those things do not address the heart of the problem, which is that we don't want ICE and Border Patrol enforcing immigration law or doing whatever else they do. We don't just want the people to be detained and deported while knowing their rights or while feeling a supportive community presence, we don't want them to be detained and deported in the first place.

Rapid Response Tucson also does some other things like Know Your Rights workshops, and we've given workshops to talk to people about the network. And we have maintained the hotline even at times when we were not maintaining an active observer list and going out on lots of calls. So we've answered many, many phone calls and just ended up giving advice to people who, for example, have a loved one who's detained, and they need help navigating the system. Or have a loved one who's gone missing, and they think they might be detained.

Since the beginning, there have also been ancillary projects to rapid response that have formed. Once we saw that this project was bringing us into contact with people who had to navigate the immigration enforcement system, we realized that there was a use for something that we broadly call accompaniment, which is people going along with people to things like court dates or to check-ins at the ICE office if, for example, they have an active case and they're required to do certain things but they want people with them. When I say helping people navigate the system, examples of that would be: How do you find out which detention facility your loved one is in? How do you request a bail hearing when your loved one is in immigration detention? How do you prepare properly for that hearing? Contact information for search and rescue groups, if someone's gone missing in the desert. Contact information for the consulates of countries of origin for immigrants that might have more updated information about their country's citizens who are detained in the US, etcetera.

One approach we are

experimenting with doing now is putting together shifts where observers in the network drive around and hang out in areas where a lot of immigration enforcement has been seen in the past and keep an eye out and are ready to respond to anything happening in that area. While they're doing that, maybe they hand out rapid response cards with the hotline number on it to try to spread the knowledge of the network within the community.

L&F: What are some high points of the Tucson Rapid Response Network's history or moments you're particularly proud of and want to point out?

Tucson Community Rapid Response Network: High points have included catching a Tucson Police Department officer who called Border Patrol on his cell phone. He was investigating some criminal matter at a motel in town and he called Border Patrol, I guess because he had some intel that the person he was about to arrest was undocumented. We filmed that, we kind of pressured him into admitting that on camera, and then later we found out he got disciplined by his department or whatever.

Another big highlight for me, and I guess this will be illustrative of a bigger theme I would like to point out to people about projects like Tucson Rapid Response, which is that there's always the formal project, and then there's the systems of connection that emerge as people undertake the formal project. The formal project was maintaining the hotline, going out on calls, but a lot of the times the calls wouldn't come in through the hotline, they would come in through this informal network, and now there were more people connected to each other, and so people would show up for those things. And similarly, people who were adjacent to rapid response helped put together this ICE Out of the Pima County Jail campaign in 2018. ICE Out of Pima County Jail did this march down to the Pima County Jail and shut down the driveways there at shift change, so that employees were having a really hard time getting in and out of work. People were standing in front of

cars and dancing around, and people brought their kids, and there were people of various immigration statuses there, and it was fun and helped us pressure this particular policy point that ICE had a desk in the Pima County Jail, which they then later did revoke, although I think they said they did it for different reasons.

There was only one rapid response call where something conflictual developed in the first three years that we were doing it, in 2018 or 2019. I believe the Department of Public Safety, the troopers who in Tucson mostly patrol the highway, pulled over a family and the pretense was that their windows were too tinted and they called Border Patrol on the family. It was a father, a mother, and a child. This traffic stop happened close to the Southside Presbyterian Church and close to the Southside Worker Center, another organization that has been around for a while that has contributed to the Rapid Response Tucson project and supported it from the beginning. There was a rapid response call about this traffic stop and the presence of Border Patrol there, and people who were around the church heard about it and came out. So for one of the only times in responding to these alerts, there was actually a small crowd of people gathered, and people were yelling at the Border Patrol, people were live streaming what was happening, and there was some back and forth with the family. People seeing this child in the back of the Border Patrol truck were particularly incensed and they asked the family members, "Hey, would you want somebody to climb under the car to try to prevent the detention?" and they said, "Well, if it will help our case" and they said to them, "Well, we don't know if it will help your case," but it seemed like they were open to it or in support of it. So someone climbed under the Border Patrol vehicle and hung out there for a while. Border Patrol initially thought that they had locked themselves to the bottom of the vehicle, which in retrospect they said they wished they had really played that up to delay them further. They waited for a bunch of other law enforcement agencies to arrive as RR tried to gather as many

people as they could to the scene, but Border Patrol and local law enforcement eventually removed the person from under the vehicle and arrested them, and did detain the family and then the father was eventually deported. I don't remember the family's overall outcome that came to the awareness of the rapid response network people, but the protestor wasn't charged with anything because the prosecutor declined to press charges.

It's something that people have done before in Tucson. I heard about people doing it another time years before, maybe in the SB 1070 era, when there was an arrest of someone at the Southside Presbyterian Church while there was a meeting ongoing and there were a bunch of people that came out and tried to block it. And there was also some kind of direct action at some point where people went to the courthouses and locked themselves to the deportation buses that were part of Operation Streamline, which is this mass sentencing immigration court process that they started in 2005 to increase deportations. So there are these moments of planned intentional obstruction of the physical act of detention, and then less planned but still pretty intentional obstruction by people who expect to be able to get out of jail.

Another high point for the network was seeing how just working together on the project over the years really connected us. Somebody in the network who has been a major contributor to it through the years was detained by immigration. That person spent months in immigration detention. We really showed up for our friend in detention and markedly helped him get out sooner on bail than he otherwise would have, as well as helped him stay connected to his family and stuff like that.

L & F: *How does the Rapid Response Network fit into larger struggles against Border Patrol, ICE and the existence of borders?*

Tucson Community Rapid Response Network: By bringing people to the scene of ICE and

Border Patrol enforcement, we introduce an element that doesn't currently exist in our collective consciousness or the public perception of how this battle over immigration can happen, and different things could come from that. People's attitudes may change as the mechanisms of enforcement become more visible. People may also at some point step in to protect their neighbors directly; they may take someone out of ICE's hands, and this may lead to conflict in the streets and cycles of repression and greater gatherings of people in resistance.

Even if that doesn't happen through a dramatic conflict where somebody is physically de-arrested or there's literal physical opposition to ICE and Border Patrol, there is the idea that there is a coalition of people who represent different sections of Tucson society through their various identities and outlooks, and they're meeting together regularly to take action on their opposition to borders. So I think that that group of people can become a center of a tendency within Tucson more broadly that imagines and hopes for a life without immigration enforcement. My hope is that Rapid Response Tucson will continue to build those relationships and articulate that vision more and more, which will attract people to that vision and build the movement in the broadest sense.

This is how I see the project, which may be slightly different from others in the group—like I said, it's very diverse outlooks and anything I say about the goals of the group are filtered through my voice—something I want us to do together is build collective political analysis and come to a point where we can say more clearly and more incisively, “What are the goals of the group?” We have mostly relied in the past on knowing more or less that we were all on the same side. We haven't had a lot of broader political conversations.

L&F: *How did the network get started?*

Tucson Community Rapid Response Network: This rapid response network started in late

2016 or early 2017, and there were two things that led to its formation directly. One was an incident that happened in Tucson where someone plugged into the broad and long-standing network of anti-border activists in Tucson noticed a lot of Border Patrol driving around this one neighborhood, in the area of one of the midtown hospitals. Border Patrol seemed to be conducting a search of that neighborhood, which is quite unusual in a random neighborhood in Tucson, especially in that part of town. So this person sent out a message over a big text thread and a bunch of people showed up, friends, I don't know, I guess this was like a bunch of punks on a text thread. Maybe people connected to No More Deaths. But people showed up and went to check out what was happening with Border Patrol in this neighborhood and of course hoped that their presence there would somehow discourage Border Patrol's presence.

It seemed like Border Patrol were staging out of this one small parking lot at the hospital. People went in and asked the hospital employees what they were doing there, and we were able to ascertain that that's when the hospital realized that it was drawing attention, the fact that Border Patrol was doing some operation from their parking lot. Oh, you know what it was? I think the Tucson Police Department had their own little parking lot outside of the hospital that Border Patrol was using, and then it was the Tucson Police Department officers who were like, “oh people are asking about this,” and they asked the Border Patrol agents to leave because their presence there was drawing a lot of attention in the form of all these punks showing up to the neighborhood and driving around.

That raises one of the key tensions which has contributed to the existence of a rapid response network: the controversial nature of the collaboration between local law enforcement, Tucson Police Department especially, and Border Patrol and ICE agents. One of the predecessors of this rapid response movement is a group called Yo Soy Testigo which, to my knowledge, a couple groups were involved in

Alongside community defense actions, our collective wanted to do community education on antifascism—in a large, spread-out suburb where isolation is real. Thus Coffeehouse 36 was born—not a coffeehouse at all, but a roving feast of ideas in action.

Rather than host educational events at a single fixed time that folks have to plan for and travel to, we decided to bring them to people where and when they are already. To do that, we drop in at local coffee shops a few times a week (as our energies allow) and have antifascist conversations right there. Anyone in the place is invited to come over and participate—as much or as little as they like. And we, of course, include the café workers.

The first round of coffee and snacks are always on us (through donations from events and zine sales). Printed materials are offered to folks who might want to read them on their own or share them elsewhere. The discussions are conversational—coffee chats—not didactic exercises. There's no presenter or audience, though someone may kick off a dialogue with a bit of an intro to a specific topic, like current organizing, info on local fascist and fascist-adjacent groups, and historical cases.

Coffeehouse 36 has created space for people to address their feelings of detachment from collective care and raise their personal concerns about fascism in our context—such as fascists waging campaigns against trans people at schools, or targeting unhoused people and migrant groups. From these conversations, other community def have blossomed, and we're building real connections of solidarity.

—Jeff Shantz

6.

Huutgna, so-called Southeast Los Angeles (SELA), has become an epicenter in the new wave of colonial terror: the enforcement of “immigration laws” on a stolen land built into an ecocidal, death camp settlement. The air is as thick with paranoia and fear as it is with pollutants. ICE is the Trump

regime's federal secret police, and its invasion of Los Angeles is an attempt at displaying its imagined dominance over California's largest symbol of migrant pride. As for why some areas are being raided harder than others, it's difficult to pinpoint, but what we do know is: They picked the wrong city (or cities) to fuck with.

On June 19, 2025, ICE attempted another kidnapping at a car wash in the city of Bell, CA—trapping a family inside a car surrounded by agents. Rather than flee immediately after being spotted, ICE agents stayed around long enough for the locals to discover they were there. People from Bell and other SELA neighbors mobilized en masse to let ICE know that it wasn't welcome in the hood.

Multiple ICE vehicles had their tires slashed and windows broken. The tear gas shot by the SELA police department to protect ICE agents was thrown back. ICE was forced to let the targeted family go, and then the agents left in shame after local police and fire departments bailed them out from the righteous fury of SELA. Direct action taken by brave individuals who illegally risked their health and freedom is what successfully stopped the abduction in this case. ICE left out of fear, not respect.

—Yum Kaax

7.

From our corner of Lake Michigan, Chicago sees around 5 million migratory birds representing an estimated 250 species pass through the city during their long trips between hemispheres every year, making most of our 300 local species not “ours” at all. We share our more-than-human neighbors with communities across Central and South America. Barn swallows, common in the city, migrate as far as Chile. Sandhill cranes, which fill Chicago's skies twice a year by the thousands, can be found from Siberia to Cuba. Migration is an essential, inherent process for living things.

We put together the Birds Against Borders bird walk as a way of leveraging what we have on hand—

an inordinate knowledge of bird facts along with a community ready to come together to care for each other—to mobilize donations for the Midwest Immigration Bond Fund in response to ICE kidnappings in our city. In a moment when power is consolidating around fascism so quickly, we see close observation of our world as a necessary tool to understand what is happening around us. Birding offers a lens for more carefully observing the quiet, everyday ways that our worlds are linked. Borders are fake, and the birds know it. Our shared lives, ecosystems, and futures across the globe are tied together, and nature helps us to see these connections.

—Ren

8.

Greetings from the underground. We are the autonomous insurrectionary network of anticapitalist horticulturists, aka the Anarchist Gardeners Club.

We strike at the heart of technofascist machinery. We make our own food, medicine, and happiness. We grow flowers in the cracks. We seed bomb every desolate corner of the scrubland. We enjoy a brew and a biscuit as we do it.

We take inspiration from the Luddites, Diggers, Zapatistas, Animal Liberation Front, and the little people—those mischievous elves of lore. Authorities can't see us because they don't believe in elves. We are practically invisible. We have no command structure, no spokespersons, no office—just many small groups working separately, seeking targets of capital, the state, and fascism, and practicing our craft.

The garden is a self-governing space. A canvas on which we create, grow, and nurture. We see nature and the infinite symbiotic relationships that exist within it as inherently anarchist, based on mutual aid, subterranean networks, and solidarity.

Every garden grown is a strike against the boredom of capital!

project, many folks shared it for me. In doing so, one friend noted that it was another in my series of “hopeful” zines. Just to set the record straight (or queer), I’m not hopeful. This zine does not offer sugarcoated “hope” to somehow smooth over these utterly distasteful times. Yet I believe strongly in cracks in the edifice of hierarchical power and the promise they hold, and that there are always cracks even under the worst conditions. This zine, then, is a small sampler of acts of solidarity that just might keep us safer under fascism in order to get more of us to the other side, toward a world without fascism.

—Cindy Barukh Milstein

1.

Decolonial art is resistance, survival, and testimony. Against the backdrop of ICE terror and systemic violence, we created bracelets embedded with the local rapid response hotline number, a direct tool of protection and solidarity for undocumented farmworkers and their families on California’s coast. These bracelets are wearable shields, reminders of communal care, and messages of defiance in the face of fear.

Crafted by and for the farmworker community, this practice centers art as a collective act of defense, autonomy, and love. In a world that criminalizes migration and extracts labor from bodies deemed disposable, these bracelets assert a right to safety, dignity, and belonging. The creative process becomes a way to hold grief, transform it, and imagine otherwise. Each bead woven is a refusal of erasure; each knot tied affirms “you are not alone.”

—Winsor Kinkade

2.

In the small town I live in, one of the leaders of Unite the Right was outed, and people got super pissed. Rallies happened at the university where the neo-Nazi went to school. There was a march on the city council. People flooded the campus

with flyers and wheat-pasted posters on walls. They did a call-in campaign, and banners were dropped. The pressure mounted as the school bent over backward to protect this guy. It got so bad that he dropped out and took online classes. As a community, we literally ran that fucker out of town. Pretty soon after that, he also dropped out of his fascist group.

—a small-town antifascist

3.

My family lives on a small side street in South Brooklyn. Five years ago, with a vision of mutual aid and an intergenerational community of care, I began knocking on doors to initiate summer block parties. I printed hundreds of flyers, went to every house and rang every doorbell, and ended up bringing people of all ages out to a neighborhood BBQ and potluck.

The second year, I raised funds to purchase our first collectivized piece of equipment: a giant bouncy castle. (Why give money to a shitty corporation to rent it when we could have one to share for all?)

By the third year, we had a WhatsApp group for bartering, volunteering to do litter removal, and supporting street animals. Some neighbors started a small tool share, and others offered to help elders who needed groceries carried upstairs.

Now, in our fifth year, folks have begun to reach out directly to each other to share vulnerable, intimate requests for aid, such as immigration assistance or domestic violence support. I believe the fascist state has an insatiable desire for surveillance, and any purported assistance comes with the cost of identity verification and the constant potential of incarceration. We’ve localized many forms of care, and are able to use our relational resources to avoid the state entirely while respecting each other’s need for privacy and anonymity. Every time we solve our community’s challenges and whisper strategies for avoiding the state in person is, in my view, an antifascist win. Whether it is mediation, a place to sleep to cool down from a heated

exchange with a partner, or immigration court escorts, we joyfully keep each other safer.

—Carson

4.

Over the past few years, middle-aged fascists and their youth organizations have increasingly started to mobilize against Pride events here in Germany. Here in Leipzig, antifascists are able to block fascists at the train station to keep them from disrupting the inner-city parade and festival. In small towns and rural areas, though, most of the Pride participants are minors with little to no experience in the streets. So radicals living in larger cities began organizing travel groups, bringing not only solidarity but additional expertise to the demonstrations as well. Self-defense groups were formed to protect both the tiny Prides and travel groups. The amount of people coming from bigger cities has made the fascist counterprotests look ridiculously small.

I’m a wheelchair user, so it isn’t always easy to get to these rural areas, where the public transport infrastructure isn’t accessible. But there have always been people willing to carry my chair and help me out. Everyone looks out for each other, and the self-defense groups have been incredibly successful in assuring the safety of both us out-of-towners and the locals (in comparison, in the German tradition, the cops protect the fascists).

Also, while those of us traveling to these smaller places might not usually agree on our ways of organizing, and coalitions within our big-city bubble aren’t common, protecting queer and trans liberation has fostered an incredible sense of unity among us anarchists and the general Red front.

This has all made for the most heartwarming protest experiences I’ve had in my eight years of activism.

—Tea “Kára” Drobniowski

5.

forming, including the Derechos Humanos, which is still an active group, and a small media company called Pan Left Productions. They were active in 2010, so in a previous era, around the time when the law SB 1070 was passed. People called it the “show me your papers” law, because it was an anti-immigrant law that was in part about enabling local law enforcement to act as border cops, and part of that law was struck down in the courts. But Yo Soy Testigo was a network where people did a similar thing of going out and filming Border Patrol activity in Tucson, and particularly highlighting the collaboration between local police and Border Patrol. I’m not sure whether at the time those police departments, Tucson Police Department, maybe Pima County Sheriff, had committed publicly to not collaborate, and so what the activists were doing was exposing their collaboration, or exposing their non-compliance with their own policies, or maybe it was just that Yo Soy Testigo knew that the people of Tucson didn’t want Border Patrol to be enabled by the police departments. In either case, I think that the people who were involved in that felt it was effective at bringing more public attention to that collaboration and getting stronger commitments from the local police and local officials to avoid that kind of collaboration.

So that incident at the hospital inspired the people who started the rapid response network because they felt like their presence in that neighborhood had frustrated Border Patrol and made it more difficult for them to conduct their operations. I don’t think that the Border Patrol search was successful that night. And the other major factor in the formation of the network was the election of Donald Trump in 2016, and all this conversation happening among anti-border activists in Tucson and the conversation happening in American society more generally about how horrible the prospect of Donald Trump’s immigration enforcement regime was.

I don’t feel like I’m the best person to paint an overall picture of that moment, so I’ll just share my memory of it, which is I remember

big meetings happening where hundreds of people showed up all wanting to be part of some kind of resistance, and the sort of phrases of people being rounded up, people being put in camps, mass deportations, that sort of thing we were all fearing, and then one common thing that people were saying was either, “I would put my body on the line to prevent that,” or, “people should put their bodies on the line to prevent that.” Of course, those are very different ideas, but that was the sentiment.

So a coalition formed of various pre-existing groups that created the Tucson Community Rapid Response Network, and those groups included L.U.P.E., Lucha Unida de Padres y Estudiantes—the United Struggle of Parents and Students, which was a mixed status group of young activists—Tucson Showing up for Racial Justice (Tucson SURJ), and a group called Paisanos Unidos, which was present at the beginning and which would become the main partner in the group of organizations that was shepherding rapid response. There was definitely a No More Deaths contingent, and also Scholarships AZ and the Samaritans. They all had different roles in the landscape of anti-border activism, and a lot of the people involved in them had been working in those projects for years in Tucson. Scholarships AZ supports undocumented students. Tucson SURJ is does an allyship and accompaniment thing, and No More Deaths does their direct aid in the desert, as well as putting work into other projects in Tucson. And the Samaritans also do humanitarian aid in the desert, and they tend to be older people connected to churches, like retiree age people. It was a very diverse coalition in terms of political outlook, some anarchists, progressives, socialists. And along with that, people with different interests: people more interested in direct action, or more conflictual struggle, people more interested in documentation or potential legal contests, or publicity and journalism, or people interested in advocating to local politicians. And then also a very diverse group in terms of the demographics: retiree age people, young people, people of different ethnic and racial

backgrounds, US citizens, undocumented people. I had just moved to Tucson and joined in a, “well, I’m looking for something to plug into in town,” kind of way.

L&F: *What are some challenges that the RRN has faced? How has the RRN worked to overcome these challenges?*

Tucson Community Rapid Response Network: There have been so many challenges. One is the logistics of running a hotline where the people answering it have to be bilingual. And do you do shifts? Do you do, like, it rings everybody’s phone at once? And paying for a phone service that will provide you with that kind of system, which is what we ended up doing after originally coming up with some plan to pass a burner phone around. Challenges because we’re trying to do a project that relies on fast communication and technology, and getting people sorted out with the technology that they need to contribute to the project.

We’ve had problems with state surveillance. On our initial text loop, you could become an observer by texting a particular number. We tried to design it in an anonymous way because we’re always aware of the risk of repression or reprisals by law enforcement. But yeah, the initial system had hundreds of observers on there. And then one day somebody was present at a sheriff’s stop and overheard them saying, “Oh, those rapid response people are on their way,” indicating that somebody had infiltrated and was passing along when alerts went out to the Sheriff’s Department. So we ended up burning that whole structure and starting again.

Another important challenge is that the network is structured around this particular pattern of action, of alerts and responses where people are in the group, but they’re not regularly interacting with each other. That creates an issue of alienation, of people not forming relationships and not building political analysis together. And that makes people far less likely to participate or respond to these alerts. So one of the things that

we're trying to do to overcome that is organize gatherings in person, potlucks, or at least trainings where people will be able to come together and do a mixture of socializing and talking about the project. That's something that we should have done more of and should be doing more of than we are right now.

Another major challenge—which I have come back to many times and has sometimes made me feel like this general project is not a good model, which I continue to go back and forth on—is that it's really hard to get people to these incidents fast enough to have a significant impact on them, or even to do some of those basic kinds of things like documenting collaboration, documenting how the agents are handling it, as well as offering some kind of concrete help to the person who's being detained. Part of that is because apparently back in the day these stops used to take a long time, like if law enforcement was gonna call Border Patrol they'd be standing around for a while. Border Patrol would show up, they're chatting or whatever, or they are taking the time to do whatever paperwork they have to do. Then at some point they realized that observers were showing up and so they started doing things more quickly and streamlined that process, so sometimes it'll just take ten or fifteen minutes. So how can we either offer help or how can we create a more conflictual situation when it's happening so fast? Because ideally, there would be twenty people gathered around these agents as they're trying to get their arrest done. And there would be more potential for things to happen.

L&F: *Has the Rapid Response Network's approach had to change under the current administration/political context? If so, how?*

Tucson Community Rapid Response Network: We were basically doing social work on the hotline from late 2020 through 2024: basically the network started functioning like an advice or social assistance hotline. That could be because of a combination of both reality and perception of immigration enforcement being

less intense and also people not having the capacity for it during COVID. We definitely made efforts to keep it going during COVID, especially when it was first beginning, and then those efforts kind of petered out as we ran up against a bunch of things, especially the alienation factor. I think people need to see each other in person and talk to each other regularly to motivate people to show up for pretty much anything, but especially for something that is inherently stressful and scary and most likely just going to expose you to other people's trauma. Then when Trump was elected again and people got a sense that immigration enforcement was going to be even more intense this time and he was, you know, running even harder on his brand of fascism, then people got active again and the observing, which had pretty much fallen off entirely, sending out alerts and distributing the hotline cards with the number, that all started again. We were able to jump in pretty quickly and get the observer system running again, which hopefully will serve us well in the coming months.

L&F: *Do you have any thoughts you'd like to share with folks hoping to start RRN networks in their cities and regions?*

Tucson Community Rapid Response Network: For people who are looking to start rapid response networks in their cities and regions, hopefully just sketching out what it is that Rapid Response Tucson has done and does is the most helpful thing. My advice to people is the points that I focused on. Building relationships through the activity, not letting the potentially somewhat alienating form of the activity get in the way of the really valuable aspects of working on something together. I would emphasize the value of working with others across demographic and ideological lines. And that brings us into this whole discourse that all of us on the left, we've been driving each other crazy with these discourses of how do we build coalitions across identity. You know, I am white person from a lot of privilege. I'm up there in the privilege-by-identity hierarchy and I just feel like I want people to stay grounded in their best social

instincts around developing relationships and working in coalition. Avoid thinking that because of the huge gaps in experience that this segregated and stratified society creates between you, you're gonna have to construct, through ideology, a way of relating to people that's so different from whatever your best current way of relating and maintaining working relationships with people is. One approach that works well for me is focusing on the project and really allowing things to develop over time: allowing your actions to speak for you over time can build so much trust, sometimes even across those giant rifts. For me it's been a process of questioning instincts that tell me, "Oh, maybe I don't have to be in relationship with these people" when I'm thinking about how different we are.

One strain of this discourse is also about ideology. We classify people and get really intense about people's ideology. People let their anxiety over how complicated relationships will get speak very loudly to them, and maybe they tell themselves something like, "Oh, these aren't the people that I need to be in coalition with." The people around you that you are capable of working on a project with are probably the people that you need to be in coalition with, unless you can think of some other way to meet some other people pretty soon. And so not letting anxiety over how complicated relationships will be steer you away from building relationships with the people at hand.

Anti-ICE Propaganda Campaign Report-Back

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Report on anti-ICE campaign by anarchists in several states. Originally posted to [social media here](#).

The Trump administration has ramped up its campaign of terror against immigrant communities throughout the "United States." This shattering of the illusion of "checks and balances" has

accelerated the turn to blatant authoritarianism in this country. The administration has open white supremacists in its ranks and increased funding to the ICE Budget, which rivals many nation-states' militaries. It seems almost weekly, there are new accounts of blatant fascist acts committed by ICE. There have been disappearances of student activists, brutalizations of liberal politicians who dare to question ICE's authority, deportations to prison camps in other countries, and the construction of concentration camps in Louisiana and Florida. Furthermore, ICE agents have shown up in communities in unmarked vehicles, without any identification, and no way to hold them accountable for the violence they have committed against communities across the "United States."

ICE has only existed for a few decades and solely to commit violence against immigrants. The Trump Administration is intent on using it as a secret police to enforce its violently xenophobic and authoritarian agenda. There is no compromise regarding ICE's existence; It must be abolished.

Popular outrage and resistance to deportations have only increased since the beginning of the Trump Regime. Millions of ordinary people are taking bold action to protect their communities and affirm their solidarity with immigrants among those persecuted by the administration. This resistance has been met with violent state repression, such as deploying active-duty military in cities and terrorizing the communities and families of those detained for protesting against ICE. ICE and the Trump regime must go!

Over the past year, a few anarchist federations and collectives across the United States have started to build affinity with each other. Most prominently, Space City Anarchist Organization and the Northeast Anarchist Union have networked with each other. A few comrades from both formations met earlier this year and decided to put together a coordinated anti-ICE propaganda campaign, inviting

other collectives such as the Boltcutter Collective and the Boston local of the Horizon Federation to participate.

Over the course of a couple months we were able to coordinate a large scale series of drops within our respective regions. Banner drops, wheat pasting, stickers and tagging were the primary means for agitprop. The increased frequency of agitprop allowed messaging to persist and become wider spread than any one group or sub group could have done on their own, insofar as without great effort of the smaller units. Dozens of individuals were able to collaborate with one another across the country and the action served as important experience to up and coming new members of all participating organizations. With each coordinated banner drop, we felt increasingly invigorated knowing that our comrades hundreds or thousands of miles away were doing the same thing, at the same time.

Everyday people are ensnared by the routine of their work. Anarchists have always had the challenge of breaking through the wool which the oligarchs have tightly woven around the eyes of the people. Banner drops serve as a means to communicate a message as it forces every passerby to at least glimpse something beyond the ordinary. People must be reminded of what's going on and cannot be allowed to recline back into willful ignorance. More than this we Anarchists must show those most at risk we are with them and to those willing to fight there are others taking up with them too.

Banner drop and wheatpasting campaigns are easy to do, and more importantly, fun! A few dedicated comrades can easily drop a banner over a highway and make a message visible to thousands of people. Some of our comrades have gotten creative, stealing banners from fascist groups and repurposing them to be explicitly anti-fascist and anti-state. They are low-risk and a great way to build affinity between you and some friends, and more importantly, make ICE know that they are not welcome in our communities.

Everyday Antifascism: 14 Ways That Solidarity Keeps Us Safer

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Long-time anarchist author and organizer [Cindy Milstein](#) presents a collection of stories about everyday resistance to fascism.

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Coincidentally—or sadly—I'm finishing up this zine in the midst of many days of doing intensive support, side by side with some remarkable anarchists, for a beloved friend of ours suddenly kidnapped by various Feds and facing the full brunt of christofascist state repression. It's "lucky" that I'm writing this on a computer screen, for my tears would be smudging the ink if it were being penned on paper. But I'm reminded that this solidarity effort, in which numerous trusted folks are dropping everything to throw themselves voluntarily into legal, logistic, and emotional care, is precisely the stuff of "everyday fascism," even if not visible.



And coincidentally now, this isn't just a zine—although zines, when containers of rebelliousness, are amazing for their own sake. Sadly, the friend we're lending our hearts to until they are free is charged, in part, with the "crime" of possessing zines. It always bears repeating that, as the Zapatistas maintain, "our word is our weapon." So, too, is our solidarity, whether in the form of zines to circulate beautiful ideas and sparks of inspiration, or in the varied other forms within these pages—and so many, many more that you and others are dreaming up and putting into lived practice these brutal days.

When I posted the "call for submissions" for this humble